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## College planning cable television network

Establishment of a Missouri Southern cable television network, while yet tentative, appears to be near reality, and a test broadcast could be made as early as Feb. 11, The Chart has learned.

Although work in establishing the network has been coordinated by Richard W. Massa, adviser to The Chart and head of the Department of Communications, it has been shrouded in secrecy. Only a chance remark by agent Anthony Kassab at the November meeting of the Board of Regents and inquiries thereafter brought to light the status and extent of the project.

According to Massa, "No formal announcement is expected for at least another week, possibly longer. We are still in contract negotiations with one cable system. However, we feel confident enough that we shall succeed in our endeavors I am willing to answer questions."

College President Julio Leon confirmed that negotiations were nearing completion with a cable company, showing a Chart reporter a copy of a letter received last week. The letter indicated a possible date of Dec. 15 for concluding agreements. Leon referred the reporter to Massa for further information.

"If for any reason the agreement with this cable system should be delayed, we still have oral commitments from another cable system, and we are proceeding with plans to begin regular operation of an educational cable channel in August or September, 1984," said Massa.

"We shall begin operations on either one or two cable systems," he explained, "and shall, over a three-year period of time, under present planning, expand into the cable systems of at least 19 other southwest Missouri cities with whom we now have preliminary agreements. Meanwhile, we are pro-

ceeding with securing agreements with yet other cable systems so that we may blanket a nine-county area of southwest Missouri.

"The linking together of the cable systems is the latest problem we've encountered," he said. "There are many ways to do this; we thought we had the solution but it proved impossible at the present time, and other methods are unrealistic financially. However, further study is underway and we remain confident that the link-up can occur within a two or three year period of time."

Massa said that the project had been in the planning stages for several years but that intensive work began last March. "It was in October, however, that various pieces of an immense jigsaw puzzle began to fall together, and President Leon, Vice President [Floyd] Belk and Dean [Ray] Malzahn provided the final impetus for going into the contract negotiation stage. They

have been a driving force behind the plan; I have merely been the coordinator."

Under the plans the College will establish MSTV, Missouri Southern Television, and will launch broadcast in the fall of 1984 with a planned 10-15 hours of original programming per week.

"We shall test technical capabilities of the system on Feb. 11, if technical arrangements can be completed by then," said Massa. "Our plan has been to telecast live that day the kick off of the 1984 Phon-A-Thon of the Missouri Southern Foundation and perhaps do live broadcasts during the Phon-A-Thon itself."

Then, he explained, the channel would become a "message" channel, similar to Cable Channel 22 in Joplin-Webb City currently, but featuring items about the College.

"Until we are able to engage in a rather complete schedule of program-

ing, the channel in the fall will alternate between being a message channel and a program channel," he said.

The 15 hours per week of original programming is to be aired between 7-10 p.m. Mondays through Fridays with repeats of programs on Saturdays and Sundays.

"Because it will be an educational access channel, the time period of 7-8 p.m. will be made available to area school systems for their own programming as they wish."

"From 8-9 p.m. we are planning two shows, one airing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and the other on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The show three times a week will be called 'Commflow' and will deal with the application of communication skills and techniques to personal living. On

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### State Capitol:

## Students, educators lobby for tax package

Students, faculty, and administrators converged on the State Capitol Tuesday along with members of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education for a public Day of Concern. The gathering was a higher education lobbying session for a tax package bill that Gov. Christopher Bond said must be passed in order to avoid major budget cuts to higher education, as well as to other human services. Bond had announced that higher education could be cut by \$10.4 million for fiscal year 1984, a sum that will not be replaced in FY 1985.

Some 100 persons gathered in the Rotunda of the Capitol to hear Bond and Bob Griffin, Speaker of the House, discuss the need for a tax increase.

Griffin said he thought the people of Missouri would accept a tax increase if they are convinced there is a need.

Thus far, he said, persons do not think a tax increase is needed.

Illustrating that Missourians do vote for tax increases when they feel it necessary, Griffin noted three specific taxes: the one-eighth cent sales tax that is earmarked for conservation; Proposition C, which raised state sales taxes by one cent—that penny going to education; and the fact that recently voters went to the polls and defeated a measure which would have repealed sales taxes on food items, saving the state millions of dollars in revenues.

After hearing Bond and Griffin speak, Shailla Aery, commissioner of higher education, and Gerald Sprong, chairman of the CBHE, thanked the group for participating and asked that they talk to their respective legislators about the tax legislation.

Senator Richard Webster, (R—Carroll), said the lobbying of the college

students and higher education officials did not necessarily accomplish anything.

"For the more experienced legislators it has a negative effect," Webster said.

He explained that Monday the tax legislation received three fewer votes in favor of the proposal than it had the previous week. He attributed this fact to the recent lobbying.

Webster said the threat by Bond concerning budget cuts also had a negative effect on the legislators.

The Missouri constitution prohibits the Governor from cutting the budget if projected revenues are being met, said Webster, citing Article IV, section 27 of the Missouri constitution.

Webster then produced tables which charted monthly revenue last year and monthly revenues for the first five months of this fiscal year.

"The budget was based on revenue projections which called for an 8 1/4 per cent increase," said Webster. "Currently, we are experiencing an increase of 12.5 per cent in revenues."

Webster then said Bond may cut the budget anyway just to prove a point. He also said that then there would be a lawsuit filed and litigation would follow before any final budget cuts would be made.

Concerning the lobbying tactics Webster said, "This is the standard technique that we have always seen. It's just like 1969 all over again."

Hundreds of letters were being opened by Webster's staff, and he said the only difference between now and 1969 was that the letters were from different persons because the legislators were not the same.



D. Massa photos  
Miriam Morgan (left) and Dorothy Kolkmeier decorate the Christmas tree while Nancy Bastian (top photo) places a white angel on the top.



## Secretaries create tree

Decorated with red bows, candy canes, hand-crochet apples, and assorted ornaments, three administrative secretaries had a joint effort in creating a Christmas tree.

Nancy Bastian, secretary for Dr. Floyd Belk, put up the tree and lights.

"The three of us donated things from home we didn't use," said Miriam Morgan, secretary for Dr. Paul Shipman. "We then took up a collection and bought more."

Bastian, Morgan, and Dorothy Kolkmeier, secretary for President Julio Leon, decorated the tree during their spare time.

"Last year was the first year we had a tree. It was successful, so we thought we would have another one," said Morgan.

The white angel on the top of the tree was made by Mrs. Harrison Kash. Kash is an assistant professor of chemistry.

"We have a lot of little kids look at it. Nancy gives them candy canes when they come in," said Morgan.

"It's fun to see the delight in their faces," said Bastian.

## Review reports progress

Data gathering and report compiling is underway for the statewide program review which was recommended by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education in Missouri.

Stephen Dougherty, deputy commissioner to the CBHE, sent to institutional committee members an "expected" final version of the data collection instrument earlier this month.

The program review format has four sections. The first of the sections requests a description of the

program purposes.

An opportunity for the institution to assess the program and development strategies of the program are provided for in the second section.

Section three allows for a common data base to compare relative effectiveness and efficiency of the strategies.

Finally, the fourth section "provides a common set of expenditure

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## Students must pick up grades

Missouri Southern students will not receive their grades through the mail this semester as in the past, according to George Volmert, registrar.

Students may pick up their grades beginning Jan. 4 at the registrar's office in Hearnes Hall, or wait and pick up their grades Jan. 17 and 18 during registration. During registration, grades will be distributed on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center. Non-returning students and fall

graduates will still receive their grades through the mail.

"The distribution methods have been changed primarily for budgetary reasons," Volmert said. "It costs the school around \$900 to mail students their grades."

Problems with inaccuracies and changes in students' addresses have also attributed to the change, according to Volmert.

## Grade inflation not as serious as believed

In a preliminary statement Monday to the Faculty Senate, Dr. Conrad Gubera, associate professor of sociology, said the ad-hoc committee on grade inflation has collected much data relating to the issue of grade inflation at Southern.

Though the research will not be completed until next semester, Gubera said there was much indication that the problem is not as serious at Southern as most believe.

"I don't think it's occurring as much as we imagined, and we are well within the national norm," Gubera said. "We're certainly no worse than anywhere else."

The committee was formed in late October by Dr. Joe Lambert, president of the Faculty Senate. According to Gubera, the committee was formed partly because Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs, "had called to the general faculty's attention that he was impressed that we gave out so many 'A' grades," Gubera said. "He thought we should look into it. It was issued as a challenge."

Members of the committee are Dr. Merrell Junkins, professor of psychology; Dr. Keith Larimore, professor of business administration; Steve Earnie, director of the computer center; Gubera; and Larry Karst, counselor.

Major objectives for the committee

were to look behind the concept of grade inflation considering the fact that the "mode," or most frequently occurring grade is an "A"; to seek out any patterns in grade distribution; and to present information to the faculty and administration which seeks to clarify the contemporary grading systems.

"We've all been concerned about whether we have gone with the national trend and are experiencing grade inflation," said Lambert. "It appears more 'A's and 'B's are being given out."

The committee researched several hypotheses dealing with grade distribution patterns and trends.

Some findings Gubera revealed were that older, non-traditional students tend to get higher grades; females make higher grades than males; students in upper-division courses do better than those in general studies courses; and that more 'A' grades are given in one- or two-credit hour courses, as compared to a lower per cent for the three- and five-credit hour courses.

The data used in these findings, which was analyzed by computer, was collected from the fall and spring semesters of last year. Data from this semester will be injected into the overall statistics at a later date.

"We will continue to look for pat-

terns," Gubera said. "The mode is an 'A', but there is a significant increase in lower grades here last spring as compared to last fall. There is a trend also in that end of the spectrum."

George Volmert, registrar, voiced his opinion at the Faculty Senate meeting that the figures were difficult to arrive at accurately due to the distortion of the numbers after students with low grades drop courses or withdraw. "This would have a tremendous effect on the overall figures," Volmert said.

Student evaluations of faculty was another factor Gubera said had a bearing on the severity of grade inflation. "This is mentioned as one reason for the inflation," he said. "It effects how the faculty distribute grades later."

The committee will put the raw data into "an informational package to be circulated so each individual faculty member can observe the findings and compare their grading standards to the norm."

Gubera said it was hard to accurately explain grade inflation.

"There are so many aspects that it's hard to clearly define the problem," he said. "I like to think we're doing a better job than 20 years ago. I feel good about the work we're doing."

Gubera said he thinks the committee will continue meeting "through a major part of next semester. We may stay in session even longer."

## Secretary of the Week

### She's a piece of the fixture

By Barb Fullerton

Mary Johnson feels as though she is a "piece of the fixture" at Missouri Southern. By the first of August, Johnson had been working here for 20 years.

Johnson, secretary for the registrar's office, began working at the old junior college on 8th Street. She felt the change in the college was exciting.

"We were growing. Over there we were one big family. Here, we are going through a lot of growing pains and we are still changing," she said.

She likes working with the students at Southern. "They keep you going."

During her 20 years at Southern, she has worked with many people including: Dr. Leon Billingsly, the former president; Dr. Edward Phinney, former dean of the college; Dr. C.O. Robinson, Dr. Floyd Belk, Fred Cinotto, and George Volmert, who is her present supervisor.

"I have never had any problems with any of them," she said.

Her work consists of getting her hands into everything from records of students, registration time, keeping grade cards, to student graduation. "I get involved in all of it. There's a lot I can't mention till I come to them. It's a cycle."

Johnson grew up in the panhandle of Oklahoma, next to the Texas border in LaVerne. She lived on a farm with two sisters and two

brothers.

She and her husband moved here to help on her husband's parents' dairy farm. Now they live south of Joplin.

"In Oklahoma, I used to play girl's basketball but when we moved to this area, girls weren't allowed to play. That was horrible," Johnson said.

She has one son, Gary, who lives in Tulsa and works as an accountant and with computers.

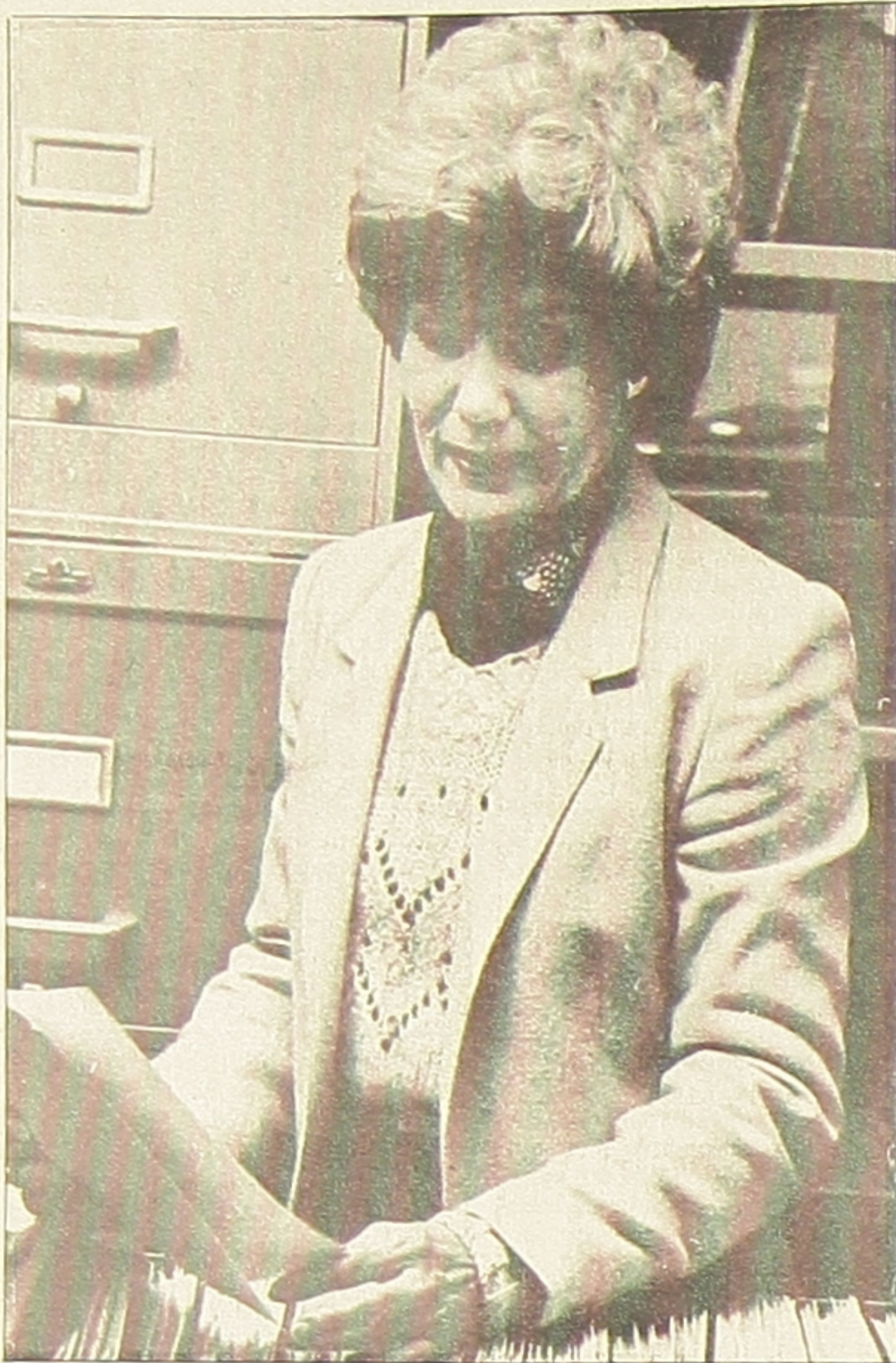
Once in a while, when she gets the chance, she likes to go waterskiing and boating at Grand Lake. "We (she and her husband) used to live on the lake during the weekends." She also reads magazines and newspapers in her spare time.

Johnson and her husband like to travel. They have been to the West Coast and Europe. "While in Europe, we got to go behind the Iron Curtain, then to Austria and Ireland. We saw many castles and the Vienna Boys Choir."

In Ireland, at their train depot, a bomb went off the night before they left Ireland. It was exciting and scary at the same time.

"We read about it in the paper the next morning. The bomb went off at a different point down the track."

Her philosophy is to live day by day. "Sometimes it helps to do a little planning ahead, but sometimes I get ahead. You can get tied up in your own settlements, and then you must break loose, but it's not easy."



Fullerton photo

Mary Johnson

## Students to compete at Field Day

More than 400 students from 18 high schools will meet at Missouri Southern tomorrow for the second annual English Field Day at Hensley Hall.

The event is sponsored by the English department, and Greg Greenlee, assistant professor of English, is coordinator of the activities.

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. on the third floor of Billingsly Student Center. Competition is divided into two levels—ninth and 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

Competition is also divided into basic divisions, one for the event scheduled for Friday and a second for written entries which have been previously submitted.

Activities include spelling, vocabulary usage, diagramming, blackboard boggle, which is the same game as the regular boggle using verbal skills, impromptu essay, literature and mythology crossword puzzles, English and American literature, and Edith Hamilton's *Greek Mythology* and dictionary.

Division two is the written entries which were submitted for judging on Nov. 7, and includes short stories, personal narratives, book reviews, character sketches, and poetry. Judging of the written entries has been completed and winners will be announced tomorrow.

A highlight of the field day will be the College Bowl competition between teams from the schools. The elimination rounds will be played starting at 8 a.m. in the Student Center. The semi-final rounds will be 11:30 a.m., with the final round in the Connor Ballroom at noon.

Lunch will be served at noon and award ceremonies for all the competitions will be held in the Connor Ballroom at 1 p.m.

Ribbons will be given to all participants. First, second, and third places in competition will receive certificates of achievement. Trophies will be awarded to the three schools with the highest cumulative totals.

Participating high schools are Aurora, Carl Junction, Carthage, Cassville, Diamond, East Newton, Monett, Mt. Vernon, Neosho, Webb City, and Joplin's McAuley, Memorial and Parkwood.

## Radiography program awaits accreditation

By Tammy Coleman

Following a recent evaluation by site visitors sent by the Joint Review Committee in Radiologic Technology, the Radiography program at Missouri Southern is waiting to receive accreditation.

The report given by the site visitors has been reviewed and the program is scheduled for consideration by the committee at its January, 1984, meeting. Full approval by the committee enables students involved in the radiography program to take the Na-

tional Registry Exam. The student must pass this exam in order to become a registered radiological technologist.

James Maupin, dean of the school of technology, feels that Southern has had a strong program all along. The best evidence of this is the results of the exam.

"To the best of my recollection, we've had all of our graduating students except one pass the National Registry Exam on their first try," said Maupin.

The visiting team consisted of two

people. They were Dr. Laverne Gurley, the director of the school of Radiologic Technology at Memphis State University, and Susan Dees, a staff member from the department of radiologic technology of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

The report given confirmed that Southern's program is in compliance with the standards of all sections of the essentials required by the committee. These include sponsorship, instructional facilities, clinical education, curriculum, finances, faculty, students, and records.

The team commended the dedication and effort expended by the college and staff of the program to achieve the progress and improvement that has been made since the last site visit two years ago.

When the program began in 1971 it was sponsored jointly by Southern and St. John's Regional Medical Center. In 1977 the committee issued a position requiring all degree granting programs to be totally under jurisdiction and sponsorship of the degree-granting institution.

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# Carnahan third Democrat to enter campaign

Mel Carnahan, state treasurer, was in Joplin Tuesday, Nov. 29 to announce his entry into the 1984 Missouri gubernatorial race. Carnahan is the third Democrat to enter the campaign for the governorship.

Carnahan was accompanied by his wife, Jean, throughout a two-day trip of brief news conferences around the state.

"I seek this office because Missouri needs a governor who will take the lead, not one who merely reacts; one who has the experience and ideas to keep our state financially sound; a governor who has not been a part of the problems the state now faces," said Carnahan.

He added that "in recent years Missouri government has faltered," pointing to the fact that when he was a legislator in the 1960's Missouri was a leader in the mid-west, and "today we trail in nearly every comparison—education, mental health, highways, corrections, and human services."

Carnahan explained that workers in these fields were being drawn into other states which offer better careers in the respective fields.

He then spoke of two visions that he has of Missouri—one of the past Missouri and one of what "Missouri

yet can become."

"As governor, I want the chance to lead our state from the shadows into the limelight of opportunity once again."

Carnahan illustrated his work as state treasurer by saying, "My goal has been to be the best cash manager possible for Missouri. By using sound business practices, my office has gained hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional investment earnings on state funds. We have done our job with confidence, but without fanfare."

Using this performance record as state treasurer, Carnahan suggested that things can be done to improve government.

"It is time we put all of state government to the test of working for us—through improved management; through greater efficiency; and by simply instituting better ways."

"We must begin to direct our future," said Carnahan.

He said Missourians' expectations were reasonable ones.

"We do expect good schools; we expect safe homes—safe from crime and safe from hazardous chemicals. We expect serviceable roads and bridges; reasonable utility rates; fair taxation; and the prudent use of our tax money."

"We also expect our state's fiscal af-

fairs to be handled in a business-like manner."

Then Carnahan put forth the question: "Can government really do what people want it to do?"

He related two philosophies towards government—one in which people expect the government to solve all problems and another whereby people believe the best government is the least government.

Carnahan rejected both of these philosophies.

"Government must do for us, collectively, only what we cannot do ourselves. The best intentions of some caring leaders are jeopardized by their unwillingness to admit they cannot be all things to all people and that sometimes they must face facts and make hard choices."

In conclusion Carnahan asked for the support of "all Missouri," as he is working towards becoming "governor of all Missouri."

Carnahan stated his goal for Missouri as being one of renewal.

"We need to forge a consensus for renewal of Missouri, one that speaks to the problems of this state; one that will lift Missouri from mediocrity to excellence; and one that will make this truly a decade of distinction."



Baker photo

Mel Carnahan

## Faculty Senate discusses admission requirements

An update on the process of statewide program review, a report from the ad-hoc committee on grade inflation, and an informal discussion concerning admissions requirements highlighted Monday's Faculty Senate meeting.

Dr. Joseph Lambert, president of the Senate, updated the situation of program review. Lambert, a member of the state committee conducting program reviews, said the areas of education and computer science were being reviewed.

According to Lambert, objectives of this review were "to assist governing boards in stating their missions, the allocation of state resources, and the process of selecting programs for improvement or reduction."

Dr. Julio Leon, college president, briefly discussed the situation in Jefferson City concerning the passage of the Missouri Legislature's tax package.

Leon said failure of this package would result in "a \$60 million cut" from higher education in the state. He said this would mean a 3 per cent, or \$200,000 cut for Missouri Southern.

Dr. Conrad Gubera, associate professor of sociology, gave the Senate

a preliminary report on the findings of the committee on grade inflation. According to Gubera and the committee, the grade inflation issue "is not as serious here as many may think."

The committee will continue to collect data after the fall semester grades are in. An informational package will then be presented to the Senate and the faculty.

The main topic of the meeting was a general discussion of RESOLUTION 1:83-84 that proposes stricter admission requirements beginning in 1987.

New high school credit requirements include 4 units of English, 3 units of mathematics, 2 units of science, 2 units of social studies, 3 additional units of foreign language, English, mathematics, science or social studies.

High school graduates with less than the required credits would be conditionally admitted, but would have to complete those classes before being admitted to a degree program.

Several faculty voiced concerns about the new requirements, specifically because of stricter federal regulations concerning financial aid effective January 1984.

## Legislators vote for bond issue bill

Thanks to the work of Rep. Robert Ellis Young, (R—Carthage), Missouri Southern may receive state funding for the "construction and design" of an addition to Reynolds Hall. Dr. Julio Leon told Regents at their Nov. 18 meeting.

Young, as a member of the House Appropriations Committee, included the monies in the bond issue bill after the amount of bonds to be issued was increased from \$250 million to \$350 million.

Leon also expressed gratitude to Rep. William Webster, (R—Joplin), Rep. Roy Cagle, (R—Joplin), and Rep. Galen Browning, (R—Neosho), who voted on the bill when it came before the full House. The bill was passed by the House of Representatives and is now being discussed by the Senate.

Several other announcements were made by Leon during the presidential report to the Board.

"We have obtained the funds for the nursing degree program," said Dr. Leon. "The proposal will now be submitted to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education in Missouri."

Leon also spoke of the CBHE recommendations for fiscal year 1985 operating budgets.

Southern's recommended budget is 13.5 per cent higher than the CBHE budget recommendation for the current fiscal year (1984), and 24.7 per cent higher than the budget that was approved by the Missouri General

Assembly.

Leon explained that the total higher education recommendation for FY85 was 6.79 per cent higher than FY84.

"Sometime in April" Missouri Southern should be revisited by NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) for reevaluation of the teacher education program, said Leon.

Currently NCATE is withholding accreditation. Leon made it clear that Southern would pass the spring evaluation and that accreditation would be retroactive, meaning no student graduating from Southern would actually have lost NCATE accreditation.

"I believe that most people in the area know...the state is only interested in accreditation by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education," Leon said.

Concerning the invitation extended by the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association for Southern to join its membership, Leon informed regents that the Athletic Committee recommended that "we do not accept the invitation at this time."

Leon said the committee suggested that the college "continue our quest for academic excellence and still put more funds into strengthening our athletic program within the CSIC (Central States Intercollegiate Conference)."

Regent William Putnam told the Board about his recent correspondence with Senator Richard Webster,

(R—Carthage), concerning support of Missouri Southern in the Missouri legislature.

Putnam read from a letter that he had received from Webster. The letter stated that the next letter which Webster received from a Missouri Southern graduate would be the first letter he received from a Southern graduate.

President Leon said that recently there have been some "positive moves" in the direction of addressing this problem.

Michael Mitchell, station manager at KSNF television, was recognized by Dr. Leon and Mitchell proceeded to ask the Board for permission to use Fred G. Hughes Stadium for a Fourth of July spectacular.

Mitchell said that in order to make commitments to other organizations which would be involved KSNF was coming to the Board early.

Board members Putnam, Kassab, and Terry James were appointed to go over the specifics with Mitchell. James asked that an administrator also be present to review the proposal, and Dr. Paul Shipman, vice president for business affairs, was asked to be that representative.

Before the Board adjourned, Putnam asked that a more detailed agenda be prepared for future meetings. The next Board of Regents meeting was scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16.

## Cafeteria changes managers

Steve Butcher took over this week as food service manager for the Missouri Southern cafeteria due to the transfer of Russ Tafuya.

Tafuya left Southern last Friday. He is transferred by request to Garden City, Kan., Community College by American Food Management.

"I had a good working relationship with faculty, staff, and students. I'm going to miss them," said Tafuya.

Butcher comes to Southern from Southeast Missouri State University Cape Girardeau, where he was Food Service Manager for a year and a half. Butcher plans to run the program at Southern basically the same way as before. "I foresee no major changes. I think there is a lot of repetitiveness in the menu. I plan to add a lot of things, but students will basically receive the same service."

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# OPINION

## Tax increase not necessary

Recent controversy over threatened extensive budget cuts and so-called arm-twisting techniques, all due to the failure of state legislators to endorse a tax package, calls for a focused look at the current budget picture.

And, after taking a look, one must ask if the current situation is due to the lack of understanding which most people have of state government.

Gov. Christopher Bond has made it known that due to the court ordered desegregation in St. Louis he plans to cut the state budget if the general assembly does not pass a tax bill during the current special session. Many legislators say that the Governor can't legally do this. And they may be correct.

But the problem seems to be in figuring out who one ought to believe. Those who say there will be a need for cuts and those who say there will not be a need.

Constituents have been pressuring some legislators to pass a tax increase. And so the Senate has put it up to the people by passing a bill which will put into effect a tax increase on Mar. 1, 1984 if approved in a Feb. 7 election.

According to general revenue receipts as of Nov. 30, 1984 the state is experiencing a 12.34 per cent increase over fiscal year 1983. The state's budget was figured on a projected 8.5 per cent increase in general revenues; this means that for the first five months of FY 1984 the state has received \$30,374,808 more than what was planned.

State Treasurer Mel Carnahan has said that the cost estimates for this year's portion of the desegregation plan has been lowered from some \$100 million to \$65 million.

Looking at the increase in general revenues and the fact that traditionally more receipts come in during the second semester, Missouri should have more than enough unbudgeted funds to pay for the year's desegregation costs.

Thus, any tax increases seem to be ill-advised at this time, unless the bond issue is going to cause a need for a tax increase—something the Governor has denied since day one.

When voters go to the polls in February to decide whether a tax increase should be enacted—the answer ought to be no.

## Leon's first year shows capability

On December 16, Dr. Julio Leon will complete one full year as the official President of Missouri Southern.

This first anniversary is cause for reflection on the positive advances which have been made under President Leon's leadership.

In accepting the position, Leon spoke of specific areas of concern—mental image and academics, particularly computer literacy.

With the introduction of personal computers to Southern's campus (which have proved extremely useful during pre-registration this fall), and the fine handling of the problems concerning the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), during the past year Leon has proved his capabilities.



### Editor's Column:

## Southern should be special to all students

By Daphne Massa,  
Executive Manager

Before the Thanksgiving break the campus seemed to be somewhat serene. Since then there have been numerous activities that don't fit into the college atmosphere.

Every student is probably aware of the possible increase in tuition. But are they aware of the alternative? If the college can cut expenditures there would be no reason to raise fees. But having to replace items that have been vandalized costs us considerably. For instance, three trees have been stolen from the front of the Billingsly Student Center. Maintenance workers have said the cost to replace one of these trees is \$200.

This is not the only vandalism that has oc-

curred. At one time there were benches in front of the union. Those too have been destroyed by some thoughtless person or persons. Should we bear the burden of the replacement cost? Or should we all do without because of a few vandals?

How could someone think it humorous or advantageous to steal one of the tops to the mansion's lanterns. What is someone going to do with that? There is simply no explanation for these occurrences.

Another situation that has surfaced, again, is the unsportsmanlike conduct from the fans at home basketball games. Again the fact that we are attending college should say something for our actions. But when supposed adults throw rolls of toilet paper, it makes people

wonder how old we really are.

It doesn't just make the guilty person look bad, it reflects on all of the students. The real thing is that the thoughtful students go around making apologies to those who have been offended; what should be happening is for these students to police their own ranks. This is the only way to keep the total student image on the highest level.

Some professors have commented that high school students act more civilized.

We may not have the most spectacular college campus, but there are at least two things we should remember. First, it is a college campus and we should behave accordingly. Secondly, it's ours and Southern should be special to all of us.

### In Perspective:

## Perspective is the way we all perceive things

By Wayne Johnston,  
Director of Safety and Security

When approached about contributing to the campus paper in the "In Perspective" column, I thought for quite some time before I attempted to put something down on paper. My thoughts ranged in many directions and about many topics, in an attempt to reach as many people as I could, without being mundane. Just what would I write about?

Webster's Dictionary says: "Perspective: a specific point of view in understanding or judging things or events, especially one that shows them in their true relation to one another."

Putting things in their proper perspective must, therefore, be what one must do when we feel angry when we hear that a friend has been arrested for drunk driving, and the next day we read in the newspaper that that friend had been in an accident, where-in a small child died.

It must also be our final opinion when our

parents tell us that we shouldn't go on vacation with a "friend" of the opposite sex, when we think about how much they have gone without to see that we get a chance to go to college and we consider their feelings and up-bringing and just how important that "vacation" really is.

It must be the decision we make when we are confronted with the opportunity to use alcohol and drugs with our peers and yet think about the friend we have that is "burned-out." Is the "high" we get worth the penalty we might have to pay?

It must be what the maintenance people feel when they are planting a new tree next to the Union, because some "bright person" cut the old tree in half, to use the top for a Christmas tree. Yet they hear the students gripe about the rising cost of going to college.

It must be what our security officers must feel when they issue a citation to a student who is a divorced mother of two, trying to get an

education and still support her children. While still attempting to control the parking problem on campus because the student mother parked in a Handicapped Space, and a wheelchair student had to park a long distance from the building he had to go to.

It must be the reason the professor sees two students differently. One gets B's on his tests and has an enormous amount of "natural ability" as a student but doesn't apply himself to do better. Yet the other student uses all of his capabilities to get a C average but just doesn't have the same capabilities as the first. Should the professor "push" the B student or not?

Perspective is the way we all perceive things we see and hear, combined with the knowledge of the situation.

If we all try to stop and think before we jump to conclusions or act in haste, we might be better off.

Remember, the Bible says: "Judge not lest ye be judged."



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# REFLECTIONS

## Old Spiva center once 'place to go' in Joplin

By Barb Fullerton

To look at the Spiva Art Center Building at Missouri Southern is to look at a story of progress. The current building is the result of many years of planning, growing pains, personal dedication, and a love for art.

Along with this progress, the Spiva Art Center has left ghosts. One such edifice is the old Edward Zelleken home at Fourth and Sergeant in Joplin. It served as the art center from 1958 to 1967.

The house was built by Zelleken, an early Joplin capitalist, in 1891. The building was purchased by George A. Spiva in 1958, and a complete renovation took place soon afterwards. Formal dedication of the Art Center took place on May 24, 1959.

The building boasts a dominant Victorian outward appearance, and includes many interesting features inside.

One such item is the etched glass found in the doors in the entrance to the house. These glass panes were imported from Germany when Zelleken built the house. The letter Z in etched into the front door glass, a tribute to the original owner of the home.

Front windows on the second story are of leaded stained glass. These windows play tricks with sunlight, creating unusual light patterns due to their beveled crystal insets.

The house also has imported fireplaces with elaborate carvings on the mantles. A carved pattern on one of the mantles was repeated on a headboard of a bed used by the original family and later given to the art center by Mrs. Edward P. Dwyer of Joplin, the granddaughter of Zelleken.

The yard surrounding the building contains several statuettes and a goldfish pond that was once the favorite gathering spot for neighborhood children. The yard features several garden spots and

patios where artists and viewers would often gather. An iron gate and fence surround the yard, giving the dwelling a distinctive look.

Darral Dishman, art instructor at Southern, was the third director at the center from 1966 to 1976. He spent one year in the old center.

"The position included teaching nine hours of class and a fourth of the time as director of the center," said Dishman.

The attic of the house was used as a studio for drawing and painting classes. The second floor was used as offices and library space, and storage. "It had a beautiful balcony," he said. The main floor was the gallery and a kitchen area. The basement has marble slab tables where drawing classes were held. West of the house was a carriage house where students took ceramic courses.

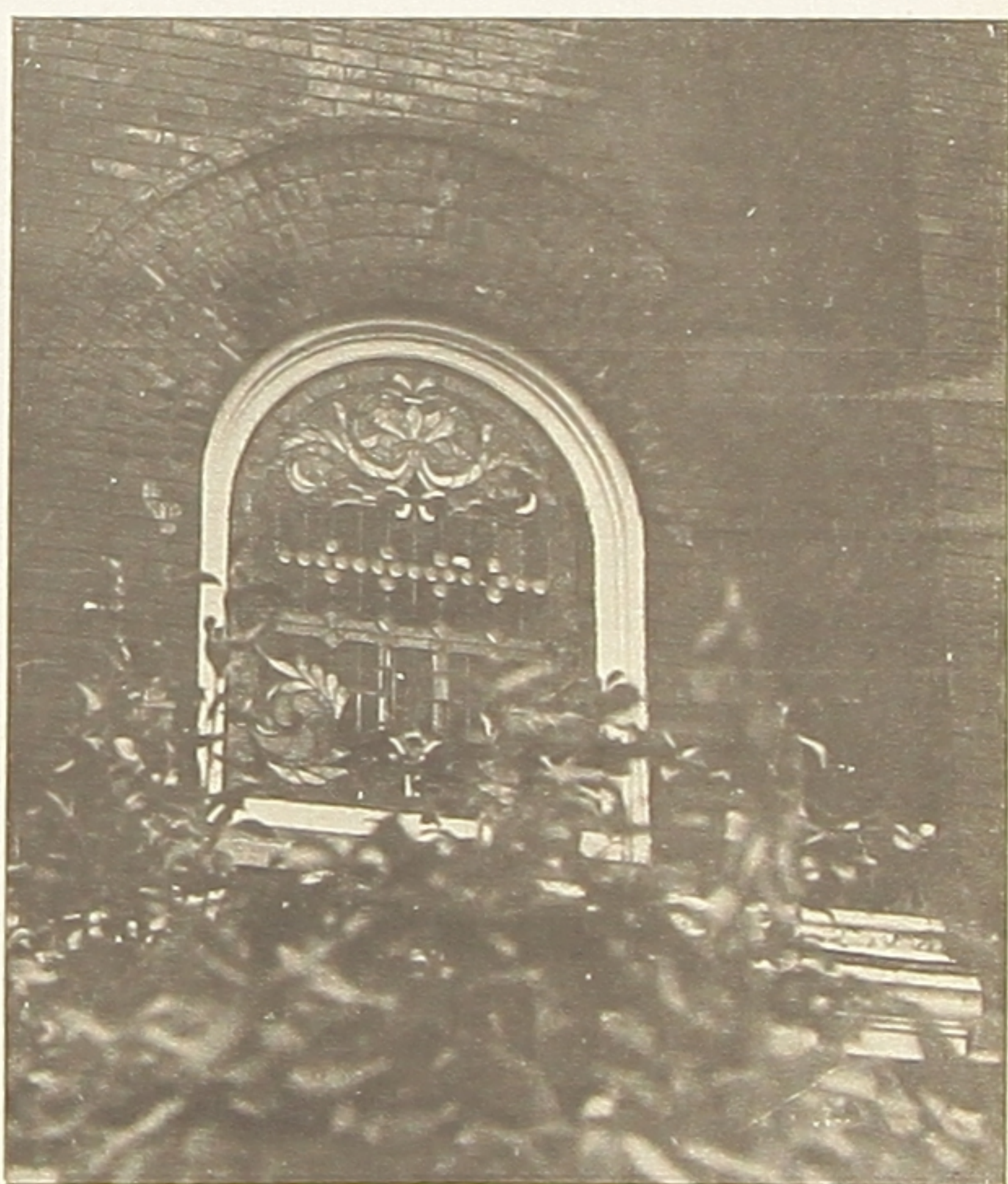
"Quite a few classes were conducted outdoors and some exhibits also," said Dishman.

There was also a winding spiral stairwell to the attic.

"Back then, the center was a place to go. It was close to town. During lunch break all kinds of people would come and look around. We also had ice cream socials and other things."

The change from the old to the new Spiva Art Center was exciting for Dishman. "There was more space area. The box area gives us more room for exhibits. The old center was closer to town, and people were more involved. It was a place to go for children's private art lessons. There were more volunteers for the old center. In my opinion, it was a small gallery, we couldn't reach out for bigger shows," he said.

Spiva Art Center grew out of a common interest in 1956 and it became a cultural institution. When it moved to its new location, better and bigger exhibits began there and the quality has not been brought down.



Counter clockwise: The old Spiva Art center owned by Bill Freeman; design on the bay window; inside the Spiva Art Center in 1963; and one of the unique fireplaces (photos courtesy of Spiva Art Center); and a stained glass window.

Photos by Barb Fullerton

# ARTS

## Music department plans 4 concerts

In keeping with tradition the Concert Chorale and Collegiates will present their annual Christmas concert at 8 p.m. today in Phinney Recital Hall and at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the First Community Church in Joplin.

"This is certainly the most challenging concert we have ever given," said Dr. Al Carnine, assistant professor of music. "This semester we changed to a four-day-per-week rehearsal schedule. The former three rehearsals per-week was not giving us enough time to build a choral sound."

"It also takes time to achieve a level of consistency with regard to accuracy and general technique," he added. "The additional rehearsal time allowed us to program more difficult literature which will help the students grow faster in certain areas of musical skill."

During the first part of the Christmas concert the audience will have the opportunity to listen to a mixed choir of 50 voices perform eight songs ranging from the Renaissance period to the present.

They will be singing eight clever and humorous selections from Don McAffee's "Limericks," and "Candle on the Water," arranged by Ed Lojeski, which is from the Disney movie, *Pete's Dragon*.

Another song included in the program is "Ragtime Sing-Along," by Dave and Jean Perry. "This piece will be performed complete with choreographed soft-shoe routine," said Carnine. The choir will sing "It Was Almost Like a Song," which was a hit song by Ronnie Milsap.

The two final numbers in the first part of the program "take a tongue-in-cheek approach to Christmas commercialism," he said. The final song in the section is Tom Mitchell's "Mail Order Catalog."

"Utrecht" Jubilate, by George Frideric Handel will highlight the second part of the concert. This will be performed by the Collegiates, a small vocal ensemble of nine selected singers.

Soloists for this choral work are Cheryl Reynolds, alto, and Kevin Ray.

During the third part of the concert, the audience will hear "Ludate Dominum," by Wolfgang Mozart. "This is a beautiful piece for soprano solo and choir," said Carnine. The piece will be sung in Latin.

Soloists for this number are Tande Prigmore and Sandra Whitehead.

"A Wondrous Mystery" by Lloyd Pfautsch, is the second number in the third part of this program. "This piece is two different keys sung simultaneously," said Carnine.

The third and fourth numbers in this portion of the program are fresh arrangements of two traditional carols. They are "Patapan," and the "rarest Gift," both of which were arranged by Edwin Fissinger.

During "Patapan," Ron Alumbaugh will play the drums, and Whitehead will play the finger cymbals. Additional accompaniment for the "Rarest Gift" will be provided by Mide Durbin on the tambourine, and Whitehead on the triangle.

Another song during the third part is titled "A Jingle-Bell Travelogue," by Livingston Gearhart. This piece is "a humorous selection with 'Jingle Bells' as it might be sung in Spain, Austria, Russia, the mysterious East, Hawaii, and mainland United States," said Carnine.

He said the choir would close the concert with Missouri Southern's concert choir's traditional "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," which was arranged by Roy Ringwald.

Residents of Joplin and the area will also have the opportunity to hear another Christmas concert under the direction of Carnine.

He has spent the past few months working on the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" with the Choral Society.

They will perform this piece for the public at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, in Phinney Recital hall and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at the First Community Church.

Both concerts are open to the public free of charge.



Baker photo

Members of the Little Women cast include (left to right) Jo: Kim Este, Beth: Mikell Hager, Amy: Christie Amos, and Meg: Debbie Foster.

## Birthday party is 'finishing touch'

As part of its tribute to the play, *Little Women*, Missouri Southern's theatre department recently had a birthday celebration for the author who made this classic novel possible.

"Nov. 29 was Louisa May Alcott's 151st birthday," said Trij Brietzke, who directed the play. "Following technical rehearsal Tuesday, the theatre department had a birthday party for her. We had a cake which said, 'Happy Birthday Louisa' and we sang 'Happy Birthday' to her."

Brietzke found the birthday party to

be a nice finishing touch to close the rehearsal stage of the play.

"It was a bright spot to finish technical rehearsal, to go into the green room and have a celebration," said Brietzke. "It was our tribute, if you will, to the creator of the memorable characters we brought to life on the stage."

Besides celebrating Alcott's birthday, the Show-Me-Celebration Company also celebrated its 15th year in existence. Following Saturday's per-

formance a reunion celebration was held in the Hickory Room of Holiday Inn. All past and present members of the company were invited to attend the reunion.

There were citizens of 37 cities and towns in attendance at the Dec. 3 and 4 productions. A total of 4,280 were present, including 1,806 at two productions in Carthage Dec. 2. The total attendance to date for Show-Me Celebration productions, over a 15-year period, now stands at 97,240.

## Film Society to present two classics

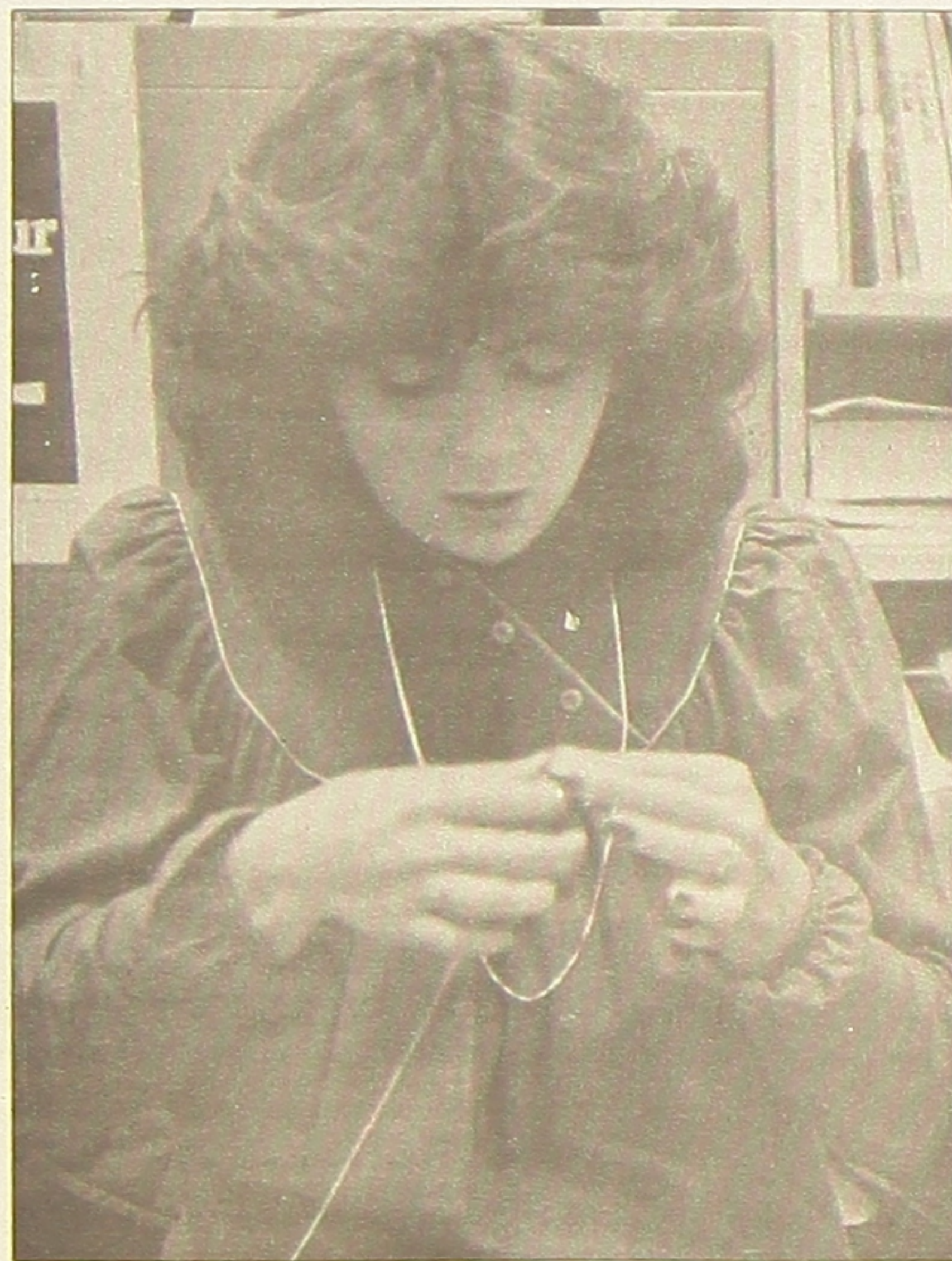
The silent film classic *Homecoming* and documentary short *Reunion* will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24 in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center by the Missouri Southern Film Society and Missouri Arts Council.

Based on the novel *Karl and Anna* which describes the flight of two prisoners of war from a Siberian lead mine, *Homecoming* was one of the last important German silent features. One prisoner, Gustav Frohlich, succeeds in reaching Germany before the other and is sheltered by his friend's wife, the lovely Dita Parlo.

They become infatuated with each other as Lars Hanson, the husband, is still trudging home. Parlo creates an extraordinary empathy for a woman beset by emotions that conflict with her loyalty to Hanson. *Homecoming* has grown in stature since its release in 1928 as indicated by the growing critical praise it has received.

*Reunion*, also known as *Le Retour*, shows the post-war liberation and repatriation of displaced persons, assembled from newsreel footage and newly-shot material. It embodies the compassionate vision of Henri Cartier-Bresson's magnificent still photography.

Single admission at the door is \$1.50 for adults and a \$1 for senior citizens or students.



Bottom photo

Suzanne Callaghan

## Callaghan responsible for image CAB projects

By Jennell Fredrick

Who attends college full-time, works at a local clothing store 15-20 hours per week, and still finds the time to serve as president of the Campus Activities Board?

Suzanne Callaghan.

Born in Boston on Aug. 2, 1963, Callaghan moved to Nevada, Mo., where her dad owns a tire store, eight years ago. She graduated from Nevada High School in 1981. Before moving to Missouri, Callaghan lived in New York, Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma.

"I'm responsible for the image the CAB projects to the school and community as a whole," said Callaghan. "Each year the president's job gets bigger due to more programs to offer the students and community."

Gregg Johnson says of Callaghan, "Suzanne has done a great job as the first female president of the board. She is a very easy person to get along with."

"She is a very thoughtful person," added Brent Harris. "She takes a personal interest in everybody and hates it when a person downplays another person for their own personal gains or interests."

When Callaghan was asked what she feels students should be aware of in today's society, she quickly responded, "Family and community." She added, "These two aspects are very important in one's life. Students should be aware of what is going on in the world and in their families. They relate to all of us because that's your whole background

and where you're coming from. You should never forget that!"

Callaghan, a junior, is majoring in economics and finance. "I want to work in a bank in the auditing department and move up in the area of finance, or possibly become a stockbroker. My dad graduated with a degree in accounting, and some of my family members are involved with banking in Boston. I'd like to move back to Boston after I graduate from MSSC."

In her spare time, she enjoys playing tennis and racquetball, aerobics, reading magazine articles, and talking to people. Callaghan may be seen talking to others each time she is in the CAB office.

Kathy Lay, coordinator of student activities, said, "She is a very sincere, professional person, and I really enjoy working with her. She's a really unique person—she's a little bit like Indira Ghandi and a little like Goldie Hawn."

"Our activities on campus have had a greater turnout this year than ever before," Callaghan said. "I'd like to thank the students of Missouri Southern for their interest and support in these activities this year. Do realize that you are here to learn, but take advantage of the activities offered to you. After all, there is more to school than just books."

"I'd also like to thank the Campus Activities Board. I don't think people really realize how many hours the members put in while organizing the activities."

"I couldn't ask for a better CAB."

## 'Blues' reopens in Tulsa

*Blues*, a musical revue of popular music during the 1920's, '30's, and '40's, re-opened for an indefinite period of time at the Brook Theatre in Tulsa.

Appearing in this revue, which has been brought back by popular demand, are Melanie Fry, Susie Daugherty, and Cheryl Brown. They portray three "ladies of the evening" who tell of their lives and their hopes through music by such composers as Fats Waller, the Gershwins, Harold Arlen, Cole Porter, and other composers of their class.

Songs featured in the program in-

clude such favorites as "Stormy Weather," "Night and Day," "The Man I Love," "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," and "Lougin' at the Waldorf."

General admission for the revue is \$10 for Friday and Saturday shows. Student and senior citizen discounts apply, and there is a group rate for 15 or more.

Further information about the play may be obtained by calling Janet Dundee at (918) 747-9494.

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## Photospiva currently on display

Photospiva '83 is currently on display for public viewing, and will be until 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 18, in the Spiva Art Center.

This is an exhibit of photography which was selected by Keith Davis, photographer and curator of the Hallmark Collection in Kansas City, to be exhibited in the show.

Davis, who juried the competition on Monday, Oct. 31, had a total of 964 entries from which to choose, representing the works of 290 artists. After examining each print for originality and individuality, Davis chose 194 prints entered by 131 applicants to be exhibited.

There were 12 pieces of work selected to receive special honors. There were six cash awards given, and six honorable mentions made.

Receiving \$400 for first place entry was Kathryn Paul of Murphysboro, Ill. Second place of \$200 went to Thomas Neff of Baton Rouge, La. There were four third place awards of \$100 issued in this competition. They went to Dennis J. Markley, Itasca, Ill.; Linda Robbenolt, Oklahoma City; Dan Powell, Cedar Falls, Ia.; and Lewis Koch, Madison, Wis.

Those receiving honorable mentions for their entries were Laura McPhee, Lambertville, N.J.; Greg Williams, Silver Spring, Md.; Andrew Strout, Norman, Okla.; Gary Ness, Cedar Falls, Ia.; Carolee Campbell, Sherman Oaks, Calif.; and Gary Kolb, Hurst, Ill. Catalogs of this year's exhibit are available at the art center.

Hours of the center are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, and the center is closed on Mondays.



Fullerton photo

Matt Hall (left) and Jeff Jones are winners of the Southern Showcase. Hall won the Best of Show award, and Jones won second place in two dimensional competition and first and second place in three dimensional competition.

## Entries please Dishman

Creations of Missouri Southern art students are displayed every semester in a competition called Southern Showcase.

The display opened Nov. 30 in the balcony of the Spiva Art Center, and features both two dimensional and three dimensional works of art.

Dr. Darrel Dishman, assistant professor of art, had some things to say about the competition.

"It was quite good considering the entries submitted. Some of the students who had better works did not participate," Dishman added that there were more entries this semester, therefore contributing to the quality of the show by giving it variety in styles and moods.

There may have been even more works entered, but Dishman said, "Some of our students take so much pride in their work. They didn't want to put it in the competition."

The Best of Show Award was given to Matt Hall, junior, for his water color, *The Fog is Lifting*.

In the two dimensional competition, first place went to Jeff Jones; second place, Jonece Nodler; third place, Todd Williams; and honorable mentions to Williams, Andy McNorton, and Hall.

First and second place in three dimensional went to Jones. Third place went to David Baker and honorable mention to Florence Orcutt.

## Matt Hall changes perspective of art

By Kari Enos

Through involvement in competitions during the past three years, art major Matt Hall, 21, has attained a number of successes. Also throughout the past three years, Hall has changed his perspective of art itself.

Three years ago, Hall was awarded the Thomas Hart Benton Art Scholarship. He submitted several works of art which were judged along side the works of other students.

This November, Hall submitted three art works in the Southern Showcase, all garnered awards. One of those works, a water color entitled, *Fog is Lifting* won the best-of-show award.

Hall, a resident of Carthage, said his attitude towards art has evolved since he first embarked on an art education at Southern three years ago. "I've matured artistically, I've broadened my perspective. I'm more open about abstractness. If I didn't like something in high school, I would not go any further with it. I'm flexible now."

One experience in which Hall worked past his inhibitions was a mural painting at the Garland Center commissioned by the owners. "They gave me all the freedom I wanted. I was scared of it until I got in there alone and just started slapping paint on the wall. I was pleased with it."

A person contributed to Hall's development was Bob Tommey, a well known western artist who lives in Carthage and has had considerable influence on Hall.

Hall said of Tommey, "He got me enthused about art."

When Hall was a sophomore at Carthage high school, he took a week long oil painting course from Tommey. Tommey was living in Dallas at the time, and conducted the clinic during a visit to Carthage.

Hall explained Tommey's approach. "He tried to get you to forget everything you ever learned. Since I

never really painted before, I didn't have any bad habits."

Hall continued, "He was really concerned about each individual in the class. It was amazing just to sit there and watch him paint."

Hall said that while he is painting he likes to get totally involved.

"I can get lost in a painting. Here at school you have a time limit. It's hard to do anything really fantastic."

His favorite place to work is "at home by the fireplace," Hall said, "Right in front of a big picture window. I think atmosphere does have something to do with quality."

Hall envisions his finished product before he even begins to paint.

"I have a picture in my mind of what the picture is going to look like before I even put a brushstroke on the canvas."

Home has provided support for Hall's interest in another way. Hall said of his family, "They're supporting me one hundred percent. A lot of people pursue art because their parents were against it."

With the freedom to pursue an art career, Hall said he may go into commercial art. However, he said, "It's hard here (at MSSC) to pursue that kind of career, because they don't have the right type of courses."

Hall has not yet made a definite decision about a professional career.

He explained, "Right now, I just feel like I am a student. I don't feel comfortable calling myself an artist yet. When I graduate, I don't want to stop there. I want to do some graduate work, but I don't know if that is what I will do."

That is in the future, but now is where the young artist conveys his feelings of his artistic development through his three years at Southern.

"I'm just exploring right now. My interests may change or evolve. I'm just trying to take in everything."

## Theatre Company to stage holiday musical

*The Crystal Forest: A musical Fable* will be presented as a holiday musical by the American Theatre Company through December 24 in the John H. Williams Theatre in Tulsa, Okla.

*Crystal Forest* is a new family musical. It is an animal fantasy that tells the story of Basil, who is played by Bob Bethell, and Anna, played by Thesa Loving-Rogers. The two join forces with the animals of Crystal Forest to reverse the evil of the trans-

nical creature, Geborak, played by Robert Bowe.

This musical was written by Kerry Hauger, and the music was composed by Richard Averill. Averill also composed the music for *A Christmas Carol* and *Treasure Island*, which are past productions by the ATC.

Tickets for the musical are currently on sale at the Performing Arts Center box office, and will be on sale

throughout the run of the production. Tickets for children under 12 are one-half the price for adult tickets. Senior citizens and students receive a \$1 discount.

Arrangements for special group discounts for 15 or more may be made by calling Tony Kish at (918) 747-9494. Additional information concerning the musical can also be obtained by calling the same number.

## Southern sophomore wins pageant title

Sheryl Williams, a sophomore at Missouri Southern, recently won the 1984 Miss South Missouri title in Neosho.

Miss South Missouri is a regional pageant associated with the Miss America Pageant, which is the ultimate destination of local and state pageant contenders.

"When you come out of a pageant," said Williams, "you feel a little better, whether you win or lose."

It was Williams' third pageant. Her first experience was in the Miss Jasper County competition. She won that title, and went on to compete in the Miss Twin Counties competition.

In the Miss Twin Counties competition last year, Williams didn't place. Still, Williams felt she gained from the experience.

"Pageants have helped me mature—to develop my talents, ambitions, and goals," she said.

A 1982 graduate of Webb City High School, Williams is the only child of David and Juanita Williams. She is an education and performance major at

Southern.

Williams' performance at the Miss South Missouri Pageant consisted of swim suit, evening gown, interview, and talent competitions. In the talent portion, Williams sang "New York, New York."

"You are judged on personal interview and talent," said Williams. "Those count for 50 per cent of your score. In the interview, you are asked about local and national current events, and you are asked about yourself."

She says that as a pageant winner she has been somewhat scrutinized.

"You do get criticism," said Williams. "There are some who think it is going to change you. It doesn't matter what people think. I don't think I've gotten big-headed about it. This is good and it has improved me, but it has not made me better than anyone else."

Williams said the atmosphere of a pageant draws many different personalities.

"There are all sorts of girls," she

said. "You've got girls who are there because mom pushes them into it. There are girls that work hard and want to win. Then there are girls who will do anything to win it."

Even with all the different types of personalities that enter pageants, Williams said, "Your toughest competitor at a pageant is yourself. I don't consider myself ugly, but I don't consider myself beautiful, either. I kept telling myself I was as capable as anyone else."

Apparently that attitude was successful for Williams in winning over nine other competitors for the Miss South Missouri title. That title has earned her a slot in the Miss Missouri competition next year. If she wins that, she would travel to Atlantic City, N.J., for the Miss America Pageant.

Aside from competing in pageants, Williams sings in Southern's choir, the Collegiates, and is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority.

Someday, Williams would like to be an entertainer. "If I'm destined to be an entertainer," she said.

## CAB has stimulating plans

Activities to stimulate the Christmas spirit around Missouri Southern are being planned by the Campus Activities Board.

Kathy Lay, coordinator of student activities, said students are invited to the Lion's Den today to decorate Christmas cookies from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Next week is finals week and CAB will accommodate the studying students

by providing hot cider and cookies Friday, Dec. 16. Students can go down to the Lion's Den from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to snack while studying for finals.

After all the Christmas festivities are over, CAB will bring in the new semester Wednesday, Jan. 18, with a back-to-school dance in B-Building from 9 p.m. to midnight. Disc jockey Lynn Becker of Sounds Unlimited will provide the music.

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# Lavon Lamberg to retire

By Elissa Manning

Lavon Lamberg, the matron for Reynolds Hall, is retiring after this semester. She said she has always worked for the public and enjoyed every minute of it.

Prior to beginning her position at Missouri Southern over seven years ago, Lamberg worked at a number of jobs.

Her first one became an adventure. At 18, she left her hometown of Sarcosie for the first time. She and her new husband were headed for Hollywood.

"I was scared to death, a country girl in Hollywood," said Lamberg. "It was so big and I'd never been away from Sarcosie. To me, Joplin was big!"

She worked in the Ontra Cafeteria on Hollywood and Vine for four months after she arrived. She even saw a few celebrities. "Bette Davis, Joan Crawford, and Clark Gable I recognized, but they don't look like they do on TV."

Lamberg went back to California in

1967 but hasn't been there since.

"I don't want to go. When I lived there, there wasn't any smog. Now there are so many freeways and cars. It's too crowded," she said.

After moving to Joplin in 1964, Lamberg managed the May's City snack bar on Seventh Street for eight years. She also worked in May's City on Eighth Street for 10 more.

Lamberg came to Southern when Dr. Leon Billingsly was president.

"I really liked it when he was here. He made me feel at ease; there wasn't the pressure usually associated with a job," Lamberg said.

Now, under a different president she said, "I think Dr. [Julio] Leon has the college, wants to see it go, and will make a good school out of it. He's been here a long time and worked his way up."

Lamberg has not noticed any sizable changes in the custodial policy of Southern since she began working.

She has taken on more responsibilities. The 22 offices, and restrooms in Spiva Library are her responsibility

to clean.

Her day begins at 6:30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. During that time she said she always finds plenty to do.

Students today, she said, seem cleaner than when she started at Southern.

"Every once in a while I get a few that aren't too tidy," but she usually tracks them down and reprimands them.

"If I catch them with their feet on the walls," she said, "you'd better believe they'll hear about it."

Immediate plans for her after retiring are to just sit and relax a while.

The students are what Lamberg said she'd miss the most.

"I get to know the kids by seeing them everyday. We say 'hi' in the halls and chit-chat a little."

Lamberg said, "I never wanted to do anything else but if I had it to do over I'd find something with more money."

Even still, she said, she has enjoyed working at Southern and with the public. "I've really learned how to deal with people."



Fullerton photo

Lavon Lamberg

## Cable

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Tuesdays and Thursdays the program will be 'Southern Perspectives,' documentaries about the academic programs, the organizations, individuals, activities, and life at Missouri Southern.

"Five nights a week, Mondays through Fridays, from 9-10 we plan a newspaper of the air to be called 'Chartlines.' It will be an area news program; that is, it will deal with news of Joplin, Webb City, Carthage, and other area towns. It will not be a college-based news program but instead will be an innovative approach to covering the news of interest to area residents. This program will be tied directly to the publication of The Chart which by 1985 should convert to twice-weekly publication.

"Formats for all programs are still being developed, but plans have been discussed with a number of individuals, and the support for ideas has been extremely gratifying. I emphasize

again, however, that all plans are still tentative, and nothing is final."

The College's television studio on the west side of campus is being prepared for broadcast capabilities, according to Massa. Equipment is in the process of being ordered, and the studio will be brought to minimal production standards in a matter of weeks.

"There are problems to be overcome in the studio," he said. "but I will not know the extent of those problems until we have equipment in place and begin working with it. One primary concern will be the acoustical problem and other noise problems. At this point, however, we are not letting anything deter us in our planning."

It is expected that MSTV eventually will offer college courses for credit, Massa said, and many such courses are currently being examined.

"The Public Broadcasting Service is currently producing a number of new courses which seem highly promising,"

he said, "and there are countless other courses of high quality and decided merit which are available. We would target many of these courses specifically for non-traditional students who have not had any college work and who cannot come to the campus on a regular basis, perhaps. But some of these courses could lead to the development of a 'weekend college' where students would spend a weekend on campus in seminars, discussions, laboratories, and testing sessions. The possibilities are limitless."

Massa emphasized that the project was not being developed solely as part of the Department of Communications but was part of an overall plan to improve the external relations program of the College.

"The Department of Communications will, of course, staff and run the operation, but most of its work will be coordinated with other departments and offices on campus. The entire cam-

pus will eventually see benefits. It will necessitate some curricular changes in the department. And it will require a firm commitment on the part of students and faculty in the department."

"But," he continued, "I have found that commitment, and I have been particularly impressed this year by the dedication I have found in students. I believe, therefore, that we have the dedication and commitment necessary. We have received a great deal of public support thus far, and we shall now strive to become worthy of that support and worthy of further support."

One test of the viability of a cable channel was made in October when U.S. Sen. John Danforth held a townmeeting on campus. The meeting was videotaped by campus personnel and was shown in Cable Channel 22 in Joplin-Webb City. The only publicity

given to the program was an announcement at the townmeeting itself and word of scheduling times on Cablecom's message channel, the Cable Channel 16.

College officials were pleased with the response the televised program received, however, and indications were that a sizeable audience had watched Cable Channel 16 and then switched to Cable Channel 22 to view the meeting.

Other research, said Massa, indicates that an audience exists in southwest Missouri for an educational cable channel of the type contemplated. MSTV will seek to reach that audience.

"Our motto will be 'MSTV—Reaching Out to You,' and it will become a total outreach activity," said Massa. "We intend to serve the public."

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## Toxic fumes not a problem

Toxic fumes are no longer a problem in Reynolds Hall laboratories because of new ventilation systems recently installed, according to Dr. Vernon Baiaomonte, head of the physical science department.

The new ventilation systems, which were put into use in September, provide ventilation to all chemistry and biology laboratories.

"They are working excellently," said Baiaomonte. "As far as we are concerned, the problems have been eliminated."

Fumes from toxic wastes such as benzene and carbon tetrachloride had previously been contaminating the air and disrupting other classes in the building.

"Now, you can't even smell the

vapors in the laboratories," Baiaomonte said. "They are a very worthwhile investment."

Howard Dugan, director of the college's physical plant, said the faculty "tickled to death" at the performance of the vents. "I think they work better than we thought they would," he said.

Two vents were installed in the biology laboratory, and an "octopus" system was installed in the chemistry laboratory enabling ventilation at each student work area.

According to Dugan, some minor alterations had to be made on the metal vents on top of the building, but the installations went smoothly.

Southern was granted \$62,000 to complete the project.

## Club plans ethical debate today

Missouri Southern's communications club is sponsoring an ethical debate at 3 p.m. today in Room 314 of Billingsly Student Center.

A seven-member panel will be debating a case study concerning journalistic ethics. Panelists include Michael Yates, assistant professor of political science and attorney; Dr. Henry Harder, professor of English; Keith Mackey, assignment editor of

KSN-TV; Michael Stair, city editor of the Joplin Globe; Rev. M.C. Oetting, district superintendent in the United Methodist Church; Gary Exline of Z103 radio; and A. John Baker, editor-in-chief of The Chart. Chad Stebbins, instructor of communications, will serve as the moderator.

The club invites everyone to attend and enjoy the discussion.

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# Belk, Rodgers discuss Library additions

Several items are being discussed concerning the future improvement of the library at Missouri Southern. Elmer Rodgers, head librarian, has been meeting weekly with Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs, to discuss the library. The Learning Resources Committee, which is made up of representatives from every school on campus plus students, has also been working on policies on learning resource centers at the college. "Sometimes we discuss urgent business of the library, and other times we just speculate," said Belk. "I asked (Rodgers) to be prepared to come to the Long Range Planning Committee shortly after the start of the spring semester to talk about what the library

might be in five to 10 years."

Belk said he called to Rodgers' attention the rising cost of books.

"Ten years ago, they may have cost \$5. Now they cost \$25," Belk said. "It's not unusual to have a \$50 book. Our funding has not kept pace with that inflation. Can we expect new technology to transform the library into a completely different unit?"

One area of improvement would be the installation of an Automated Circulation System. This system would enable faculty to use individual terminals across the campus to tap into the main computer in the library to see what books are available on a particular subject.

This system could also be connected

to a national network of libraries.

"This would be a big asset," said Rodgers. "Faculty would no longer have to go through the card catalogue to find the information."

"We are allowing them (Rodgers and the committee) to speculate," Belk said. "If it seems reasonable that in the future this is the way they (library circulation systems) will be constructed, we need to take steps now to see that we are going in that direction."

Belk said though the initial cost of installing an automated circulation system might be high, it would eventually pay for itself.

"It will be extremely expensive to continue the card catalogue as we cur-

rently have it," he said. "It is possible that after the initial expenses of several CRT's (Cathode-ray tube computer terminals), it would be less expensive and more efficient than continuing the current system."

Another improvement Belk discussed was that of a computerized accounting system.

"If we had all of the volumes in the library placed on a data base, checking in and out would be much more accurate," he said.

Belk and Rodgers have also discussed the possibility of an electronic security system. This system would include a sensory unit at the entrance and exits of the library, and tags on

each book that would enable automatic detection of any books leaving the library without being checked out.

"We for a number of years have been looking into this," Belk said. "In the past, when money was tight, it was felt that money could be better used in other areas. We lose about 1 per cent of the books in the library. Other schools lose as much as 5 per cent. The loss of 1 per cent in many instances can be a tragedy to the library if a volume from a set such as encyclopedias is taken out. Even though it is less than 1 per cent, it is a major problem."

Rodgers said a system of this type would cost around \$15,000 to install and operate.



Williams photos

Steve Eggers comes in for a landing after a skydiving demonstration and answers questions about his gear from an interested student.

## Divers entertain students

Parachute jumpers leaped from an airplane to an area in back of the Missouri Southern dormitories last month as part of a program to entertain residence hall students.

It was set up by Jimmy Jester and Alan Cass, two staff assistants.

"Each staff assistant has a program for the residence each semester," said Ruth Rice, head of South Hall.

The two men, Steve Egger and Dan Adams, were from a club at Cuba, Mo., and they make local jumps. Last July

they made parachute jumps at Firefall '83 in Springfield.

"It was put off several times because of bad weather," said Rice.

After the jump, they stayed and showed their equipment to interested students.

Jester said eventually he is trying to get a club started on campus for sky diving. The location for sky diving would be behind Reynolds Hall.

The program was co-sponsored by Student Senate and RHA.

## Handicapped facilities to change

More changes in facilities for the handicapped are being made at different locations on the Missouri Southern campus.

Six doors are going to be installed as part of the Fine Arts elevator project.

Door assists will cost \$2,300 for parts, and an air compressor to power the doors will cost \$600.

A door on each side of the elevator will be made and doors from the outside of the music and art buildings and from the inside will be part of the project. There will be a heated and cooled lobby for students. This \$180,000 experimental project should be finished by the middle of February.

"The elevator will provide help to the handicapped and moving freight between the music and art buildings. There will be a basement for storage," said Dr. Paul Shipman, vice president for business affairs.

From the state bond issue, the college will receive about \$20,000 for handicapped improvements.

This will be used for re-doing the gym dressing rooms and rest rooms, work in the technology buildings, and more door assists.

There will also be a door assist installed in the back of the library. "We will modify the library restroom and other things for Dr. Judith Conboy," said Dugan, head of physical plant. "After we get started, it does not take long to do it. We will try to help her and accommodate her anyway we can."

Southern has more advantages than other colleges for handicapped facilities. "Buildings have flat levels and are built on ground level and they have elevators. The most complicated facility is the Fine Arts building," said Shipman. "But the college had a far better set-up to start with."

"Improving handicapped facilities is going to be a continuous effort. The more monies we have, the more we will be doing for the handicapped," he said.

## Crime lab funds in danger

Services offered by the Regional Crime Laboratory at Missouri Southern could be seriously limited if funds from the State Crime Laboratory Assistance Program are cut off Jan. 1. Ed Daniels, director of the department of public safety, announced Friday during a meeting of the Missouri Crime Laboratory Directors that program funds for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 1984, are scheduled to be withheld effective Jan. 1. Gov. Christopher Bond has threatened to cut state appropriations by \$3.3 million if the state's lawmakers fail to approve his tax increase package. The department of public safety is only one of several state agencies that will take the brunt of the funding cuts.

The Regional Crime Laboratory at Southern, one of five state crime laboratories, serves local and regional law enforcement agencies.

According to James K. Maupin, dean of the School of Technology, the crime laboratory falls under the general jurisdiction of the school, but is not really a part of the academic program. "It's a public service," said Maupin. "The crime lab's totally outside of the

appropriations for the college.

"We do have some spin-off benefits from that facility to other academic projects," he added.

Students conduct projects and do independent studies where the use of the laboratory is beneficial, but they are not involved in the processing of actual crime evidence, according to Maupin.

"For every one dollar of state monies spent, we have to have a matching one dollar from the agency that uses it," said Maupin. "The college is considered a sponsor, and a sponsor's money cannot be used to match."

According to Dr. Phillip Whittle, director of the Regional Crime Laboratory, the announcement by Daniels came as a total surprise.

"We want to explore the options that we have, and make sure they are appraised of the situation," said Whittle. "The lab is like a business and they are the consumers."

Directors of law enforcement agencies, prosecuting attorneys, and other personnel have been invited to a special meeting at 2:30 p.m. today in the Mills H. Anderson police academy. The group will discuss various options to the proposed budget cuts.

out other programs."

On March 15 all reports are due at the CBHE offices. Between March 15 and April 15 the CBHE staff will be analyzing and clarifying the documents. Chief academic officers and program committees will be sharing information between April 16 and May 1. A consultant will then review all data and make comments during the summer to the CBHE.

## Review

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descriptors relevant to both the purposes of the program and the strategies described in the first and second sections."

Dr. Floyd Belk, Missouri Southern's vice president for academic affairs, said, "The purpose of program review is to identify the strength of each program and make decisions of strengthening some, maintaining level for others, and perhaps closing

## Tips for finals preparation

By Lisa Funderburk, President Student Senate

It's that time again. Feverish, seemingly endless nights filled with caffeine, munchies, and cigarettes, all in preparation for those dreaded exams—finals. We all know they're coming but we don't do anything about them until the night before the tests. This causes our body to react with stressful symptoms such as anxiety, depression, hostility, headaches, indigestion, fatigue, and insomnia. What can be done to alleviate these bothersome stress symptoms to allow you to concentrate on your studies and breeze right through these hard times?

The first step is to allow yourself plenty of time to study. This will eliminate the pressure aspect of time. Next, when you start to study, don't sit for hours at a time, ready to nod off. Every 30 minutes, get up and do 10 jumping jacks or push-ups, or jog around the room a couple

of times. This changes the extra adrenaline flowing through your system (because of the stress) into energy. This will relieve you of that gnawing anxiety which makes you fidget and interrupts your concentration.

Also, while you are studying, you seem to have an incredible desire to munch or smoke. Resist this urge, if possible, because it usually complicates the matter, making studying harder. But if you can't fight the binges, try compensating for the overindulgence beforehand. Plan on exercising: play a game of racquetball, swim a few laps, or take a jog at least twice during the week of finals and the previous week, as well. This will allow you to "work-out" some of the pent-up stress in your system.

Another thing to remember is to get plenty of sleep during this time. This is usually the worst part. When you make the time to sleep, you worry too much about not studying and can't get to sleep. So while

you're lying there trying to sleep, try the "Progressive Relaxation Technique" described in *The Relaxation and Stress Reduction Handbook*. This procedure involves the contracting and relaxing of muscle groups. Start with your toes, all the way up to your face. Tense the area of muscles you're working on and concentrate on the contrast between your muscles when they are contracted and then when they are relaxed. Relax your muscles and repeat for each muscle group. You will feel totally relaxed after this and should sleep like a baby.

The last technique in conquering stress is described by Dr. Frank Lahmen as the deep-breath procedure. Right before your classroom of doom, take a couple of deep breaths, inhaling from deep within your abdomen and exhaling very slowly.

Then remember, after an hour and a half of misery, it will all be over with until next year. Good luck!!

## Leon attends annual AASCU meeting in San Diego

President Julio Leon and his wife, Vivian, spent the week of Thanksgiving in San Diego, Calif., attending the American Association of State Colleges and Universities' 23rd Annual Meeting.

Dr. Leon serves on two committees within the organization—the Committee on Academic Personnel and Academic Freedom and the Committee on Education for Careers.

A main topic of the meeting, one with which AASCU has previously been concerned, was the striving for excellence in education.

"At the summer council in Vermont, AASCU created a Task Force on Excellence in Education," Leon said. "They were charged to draft some sort of policy statement in order to foster excellence in education."

Leon said that the task force presented a draft to the membership at the meeting.

With many reports being published dealing with the problems of the education system AASCU "wanted to have a measured response."

"We did not want to jump in and join the critics," Leon said, pointing out

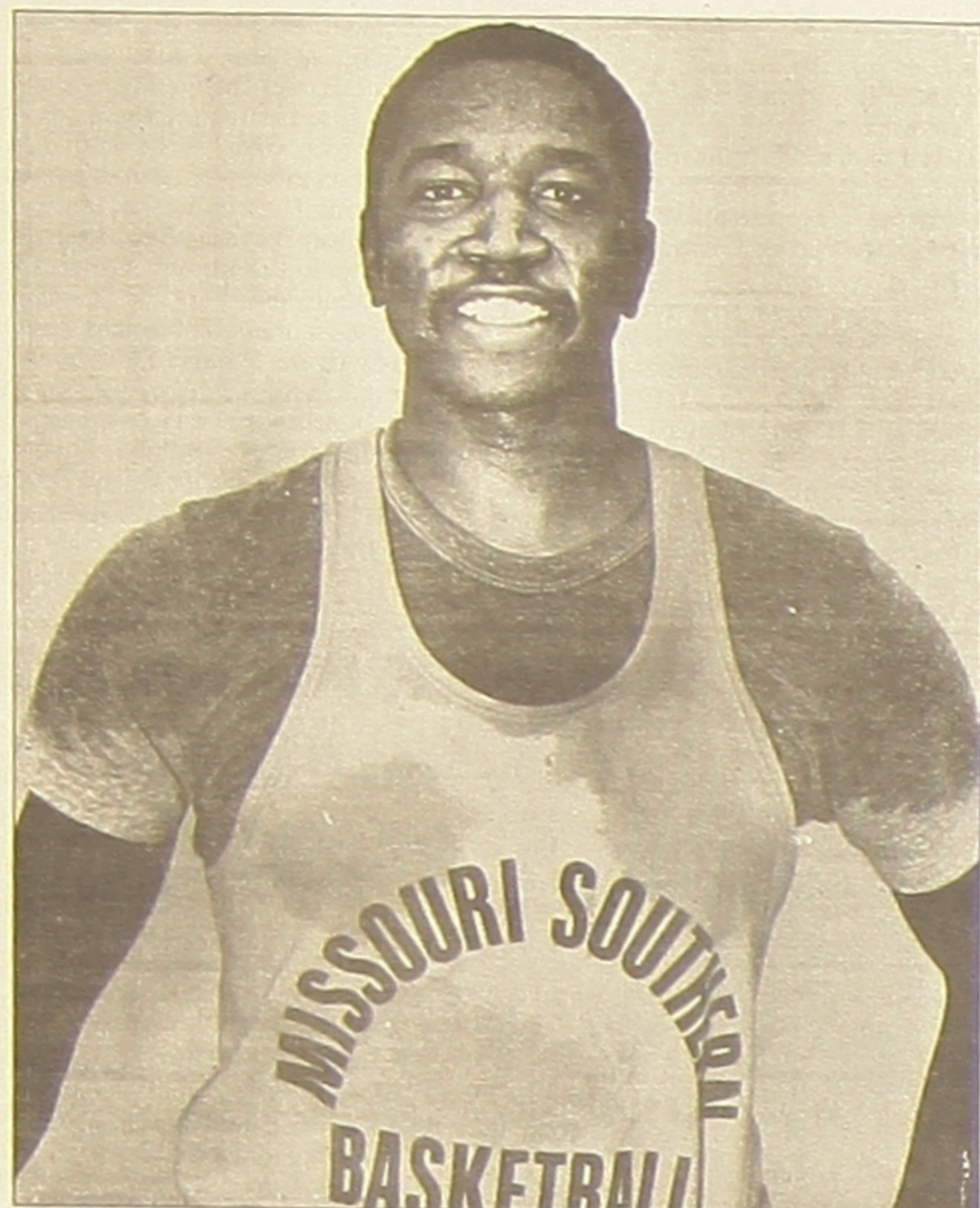
that AASCU feels there are many things which are in progress that are good.

According to Leon the document should culminate this summer and should contain ideas by which institutions can make steps toward improving the educational system.

Vivian Leon attended several events that were scheduled specifically for members' spouses.

The meeting ended Wednesday and the Leons remained in San Diego for the remainder of the Thanksgiving week.

# SPORTS



Carl Tyler

## For Carl Tyler:

# 1980 Christmas break more than a trip home

By Daphne Massa

Christmas break in 1980 was more than just a trip home for Carl Tyler.

Tyler, who should break Missouri Southern's career scoring record later this basketball season, "was not ready to come back" after the break. Coach Chuck Williams had to intercept the senior guard at a Little Rock, Ark., bus station.

"Carl just about decided to chuck it all," Williams said. "Leaving [school] was not in his best interest."

Tyler, then a freshman, boarded a bus in Joplin following a Southern practice session during Christmas break. He was headed for his hometown of Macon, Ga.

"I guess I was just homesick," said Tyler. "I got in an argument with Coach Williams, and called my mother and told her to get me a bus ticket to go home."

While Tyler was already on his way home, his mother called Williams and told him what had happened.

"He didn't know I went home," said Tyler. "She told him."

When Tyler's bus arrived in Little Rock, someone unexpected was there to greet him.

"I was kind of glad he [Williams] came to get me," said Tyler.

Said Williams, "I wanted him to stay in school. I did what I thought was right for him, for us, for everyone concerned. After I visited with him and his mother. Carl de-

cided he didn't want to do it."

Even Tyler feels he "should never have left."

Tyler spent the night at Williams' home following his return to Joplin.

Williams and Tyler said there have been no further problems since that incident three years ago.

"As it turned out, it was the right thing for him, and it turned out to be the right thing for me, too," said Williams. "I don't want to be thought of as a hero. I would do it for any one of those guys on the team. I'm no hero by doing it."

Tyler served as the Lions' No. 3 guard during the 1980-81 season, finishing with 187 points. He scored 14 points when Southern knocked off nationally-ranked Fort Hays State for the Central States Intercollegiate Conference championship.

"Barring any injuries," Tyler should break John Thomas' career scoring record of 1,774 points later this season. Tyler, who scored 24 points in last night's 75-69 loss to Pittsburg State University, now has 1,416 career points.

James Parks and Jeff Jones, two of Tyler's teammates at Southwest High School in Macon, Ga., are also members of Southern's basketball squad. In high school the trio helped Southwest win a national championship.

Skip Taylor, who played for the Lions from 1979-81, recommended Southern to Tyler. Taylor was another teammate of Tyler's in Macon.

## College declines MIAA bid

A formal announcement was made at the November Board of Regents meeting that Missouri Southern would decline an offer made by the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association to join its conference.

According to Glenn Dolence, dean of students and member of the athletic committee, it was the opinion of the committee that through a comparison of staffing, number of sports, travel and operating budgets, it was not in the best interests of the college to make the move at this time.

"When we looked at the total picture," said Dolence, "we just couldn't

justify making this move. They wanted us to compete in at least five sports and we feel the Central States Intercollegiate Conference is a strong conference, and if we were going to spend additional money we need to bring our current program up to date."

Dolence said that joining the MIAA would mean a minimum of an additional \$125,000 for staffing and other operating expenses.

"Faced with the budget cutbacks within the state now, it just didn't seem like the time to make this move," said Dolence.

## Lions to host tournament

By Jonathan Richardson

Four "well-balanced" teams will clash in pursuit of the seventh annual Lionbacker Tournament championship to be held Friday and Saturday at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

Missouri Southern will host the University of Missouri—St. Louis, Arkansas Tech, and College of the Ozarks.

"I think it is one of the strongest fields that we've had in this tournament," said Chuck Williams, Southern's head basketball coach. "All four teams have a shot at winning it."

The UMSL Rivermen will confront College of the Ozarks at 6 p.m. in the first game of the double-header. The Lions battle the Wonder Boys at 8 p.m. to complete Friday's action.

The losers of each game will compete for third place at 6 p.m. Saturday while

the championship game will start at 8 p.m.

Arkansas Tech, from Russellville, Ark., has "always been a good ball team," according to Williams. The Wonder Boys, a NAIA Division I team, defeated the Lions in an earlier Lionbacker tournament. They are led by head coach Danny Ebbs.

As a newcomer to the tournament, the University of Missouri—St. Louis, has four returning starters from last year. The NCAA Division II team is coached by Rick Meckfessel.

Bruce Terry is the head coach of the College of Ozarks, located in Clarksville, Ark. The Mountainers, a NAIA Division I contender, had a strong playoff finish last season and will participate in this tournament for the first time.

Southern has clinched its own tournament three times (1977, 1980, and

1982) and has been the runnerup (in 1978 and 1979).

Williams prepares his team in same fashion for a tournament as regular season games.

"We try to play our best each and every game," he said. "A tournament creates a greater competitive atmosphere...and it should be enjoyable."

The coach plans to start his regular line-up. Greg Garton, 6-foot-2; Tyler, 6-1; and Danny Sawyer, 6-1, should provide the outside offense. Stan Harris, 6-7; and Brian Peltier, 6-7, will be responsible for providing inside points.

Saturday will be Southern's scheduled 1983 performance. The Lions will resume action at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 7, against Southeast Missouri State in a non-conference game at Young Gymnasium.

## Gorillas slip past Southern, 75-69

By Jonathan Richardson

In a game decided by second half free throws, Pittsburg State University slipped by Missouri Southern 75-69 last night in Weede Gymnasium.

It was the Central States Intercollegiate Conference opener for both teams. The Lions fall to 3-3 with the defeat, their second in a row.

Senior guard Carl Tyler paced Southern with 24 points. Sophomore guard Greg Garton had 22 points, and senior Randy Kriewall added 11 in a reserve role. Blake Kinsey, who sank nine of 10 free throws, led PSU with 21 points.

The Gorillas took a 17-6 lead in the first half, but Southern cut the deficit to 19-15. Pittsburg State was on top at halftime, 33-31.

The hosts opened a 51-43 advantage midway through the second half, but Southern rallied to within three points with 3:05 left to play. PSU hit four consecutive free throws in the final minutes to secure the victory.

Southern coach Chuck Williams was "disappointed, but not discouraged" Saturday night after the Lions dropped an 84-79 decision to Southeast Missouri State University at Houck

Field House in Cape Girardeau.

The non-conference game "served to prepare the Lions for similar games," said Williams. "It was a good game and we can learn from our mistakes."

For Southern, Garton netted 23 points and Tyler followed with 22. The Lions' efforts were handicapped by Southeast forwards Jewell Crawford and Donnie McClinton, and center Tony Jones. They contributed 22, 27, and 22 points, respectively.

The Lions pinned a 70-58 defeat on Drury College, ranked first in pre-season NAIA District 16 polls, on Nov. 30 in Young Gymnasium.

"We tried to rush it the first two or three minutes, which threw off our plan of attack," said Williams.

Tyler and Garton combined for 44 points, and junior center Brian Peltier added 10. Southern led 28-27 at halftime.

In a second half effort, Southern created good movement and stiffened its defense to overcome School of the Ozarks 73-63 on Nov. 28 in Point Lookout, Mo. The Bobcats had only lost two home games in their last 45.

Tyler and Garton hit 20 points each and freshman Stan Harris added 12

tallies. Danny Sawyer and Harris added eight and seven rebounds, respectively.

Playing the University of Texas at Austin on Nov. 26 served as a "confidence builder" for the Lions, according to Williams.

"It showed us that we could compete with some NCAA Division I teams," he said. "We can play with anybody on our schedule."

Performing in the largest arena in any Southern team has ever played (it seats 16,500), the Lions led the Longhorns slip by 83-81 in overtime. Even though Texas has approximately 40,000 students, Southern coaching staff felt "we should have won it."

The Longhorns' Carlton Cooper netted 38 points. Southern's game was answered with 51 points in a playoff game.

The Lions' first game of the season was a complete mismatch. Southern blitzed District 16 opponent Central Newman of St. Louis 113-34.

Six Lions dented double figures. Tyler led with 30, Kitt Stepple added 16, Bret Nyander 14, and Stan Carr and Kriewall each added 10.

## Southern players recognized

Kearney State College placed eight players on the first team of the All-CSIC football squad.

Conference champion Washburn University, who won the league with a 24-10 victory over Missouri Southern on the final day of the season, placed seven players on the squad.

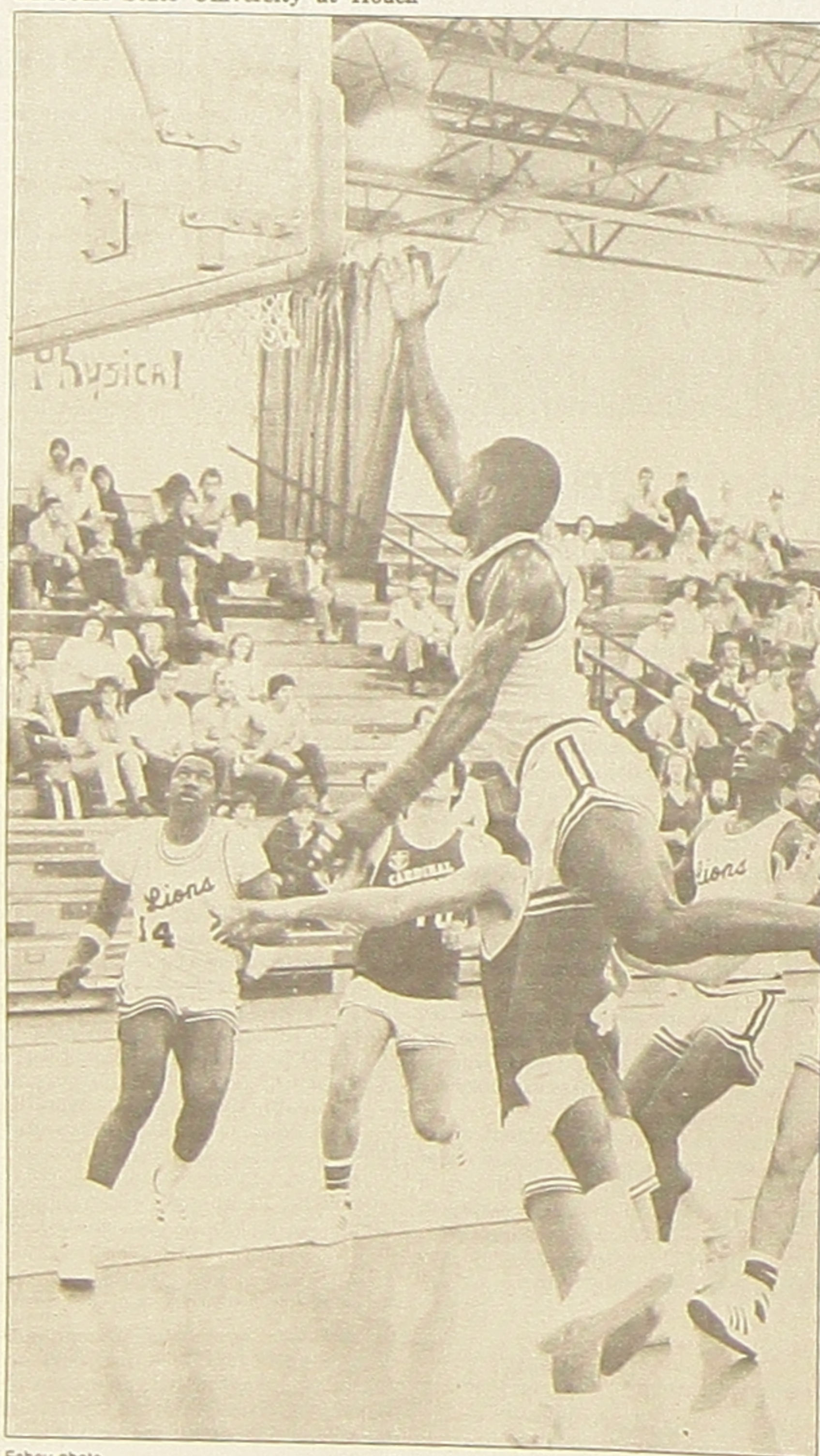
First-year Washburn head coach George Tardiff claimed Coach-of-the-Year honors for leading his team to an 8-2 overall record, following a season in 1982. The Ichabods had a record in conference play this season.

In selections made through balloting of the eight CSIC coaches, eight players were repeat selections from the 1982 first team. Southern's running back Harold Noifalisse, offensive lineman Billy Jack Smith, and defensive back Glen Baker were given honors for the second straight year along with Kearney State offensive lineman Tim Rettele and kicker Mike Pilkington, Pittsburg State offensive lineman Chris Grantham and defensive lineman Sam Pittman, and Fort Hays State offensive lineman Richard Long. Kearney State's Pilkington has been named to the first team for three straight years.

Conference statistic leaders named to the first team include Fort Hays State quarterback Robert Long, receiver Ralph Humphrey, Washburn's Dino DeLis, Kearney State's Jon Gustafson, Missouri Western's Jeff Holland, and Baker's Southern.

Southern players named to the second team include Bruce Long, receiver; Kevin Moyer, tight end; Brown, offensive line; Tom Lang, running back; Doug Strubberg, defensive line; Alan Dunaway, defensive back; Marty Nagel, punter; and Tom Dobbs, kicker.

Southern players receiving honorable mention include Steve Bis, linebacker; Tim Jones, defensive back; Pat McGrew, defensive back; Rob Nolle, defensive line; Brad O'Neil, linebacker; Steve Sater, receiver; and Rich Williams, quarterback.



Fahey photo

Junior forward James Parks attempts a shot against Cardinal Newman College while teammate Carl Tyler awaits a possible rebound. The Lions blitzed the visitors from St. Louis 113-34 in their season opener. Southern has a 3-3 record following last night's 75-69 defeat at Pittsburg State University.

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Becky Fly goes to the floor to recover a loose ball for Southern against School of the Ozarks.

## Lady Lions, Rockhurst to collide tomorrow

Missouri Southern's Lady Lions travel to Rockhurst tomorrow to face a strong team. The Hawks of Rockhurst were 6-2 going into their game with Graceland College, and the only games they have lost this year have been to Lincoln University by one point and to South Dakota University by one point.

"They are one of the better ball clubs," said Jim Phillips, head coach of the Lady Lions. "They are awfully tough on their home court."

"We will just have to get out on the boards from the start," said Phillips.

"We must concentrate on what we can do and play good defense and run our offense the way we are supposed to. We have a good team and are capable of scoring 65-70 points a game."

Phillips spoke with pride of his young team, and said it was an exciting club with much talent.

"We are capable of playing good basketball, and we will get better as the season progresses."

Phillips added, "My only other desire is that we get more students out to support the team."

## Crusaders fall, 71-64

Southern's Lady Lions pulled together in the second half to defeat the Lady Crusaders of Evangel College 71-64 Tuesday in a NAIA District 16 contest.

In what Jim Phillips, head coach, called "a win, and that's about it," the Lady Lions did what they had to do and came away victorious before a small crowd.

The score was even with 29 for each team at halftime, but a three-point play by LaDonna Wilson early in the second half gave the Lady Lions the lead they would never give up.

This win puts the team at 4-1 overall and 3-0 in conference play going into

tomorrow's game with Rockhurst.

"Maybe we took them (Evangel) too lightly," said Phillips, "but our players are young and are capable of playing better ball. We played better in the second half, but we didn't play up to our capabilities."

Phillips admits that coaches are rarely satisfied, but he did say the Lady Lions shot 50 per cent from the field in the second half, and he was satisfied with that statistic.

"The season is still young," he said, "and keep in mind that this was Evangel's 10th game and only our fifth."

## New hours set

Swimming pool and racquetball courts for the remainder of the year have been released.

The hours from Dec. 23 to Jan. 22 will be: Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Jan. 2—closed; Tuesday, Jan. 3 through Friday, Jan. 6—pool: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; racquetball: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 7 and Sunday, Jan. 8—closed; Monday, Jan. 9 through Friday, Jan. 13—pool: 4-6 p.m., racquetball: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 14 and Sunday, Jan. 15—closed; Monday, Jan. 16 through Thursday, Jan. 19—pool: 4-6 p.m., racquetball: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 20—pool: 3-6 p.m., racquetball: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 21 and Sunday, Jan. 22—pool: 3-5 p.m., racquetball: 2-6 p.m.

The hours starting Monday, Jan. 23, and running throughout the spring semester will be: Pool: Monday-Wednesday-Friday: 3-6 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday: 4-7 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday: 3-5 p.m. Racquetball: Monday through Thursday: 8 a.m.-9 p.m. (morning hours available depending on class use); Friday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday: 2-6 p.m.

## Southern places 2 on All-CSIC volleyball team

Conference champion Missouri Western and runner-up Missouri Southern each placed two members on the first team of the All-CSIC volleyball squad, chosen last weekend by a vote of the eight conference coaches.

Representing Missouri Western were spiker Shelly Skoch and setter Lynn Umbach.

Missouri Southern's first team choices were spiker Tina Roberts and setter Lisa Cunningham. Six players were named to both the first and second teams while seven claimed the title of honorable mention.

Others named to the first team were Fort Hays State's Andrea Janicek and Angie Reed from Kearney State. Second team picks were Tammy Barth of

Kearney State, Missouri Western's Mandy Chandler and Barb McMahon, Pittsburg State's Cindy Hey and Janey Clasen, and Sharon Lord of Washburn.

Three players were repeat selections to first team, Skoch of Missouri Western, Janicek from Fort Hays State and Kearney State's Reed. Reed made the first team for her third

straight year.

Conference play concluded with Missouri Western winning its first undisputed conference title with a 13-1 record. Last year the Lady Griffons shared the title with Kearney State, each team finishing at 13-1. Missouri Southern finished second this season with a 12-2 mark, its only losses coming against Missouri Western.

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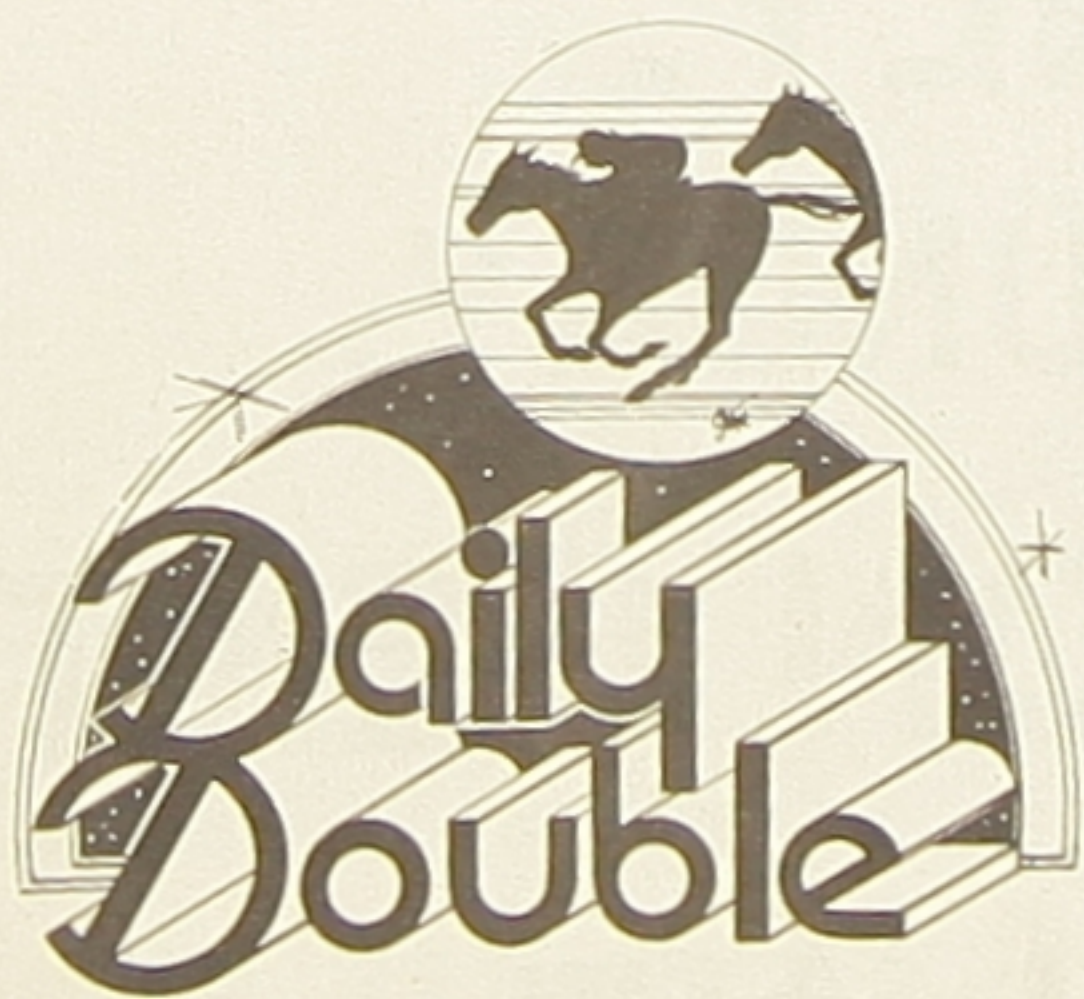


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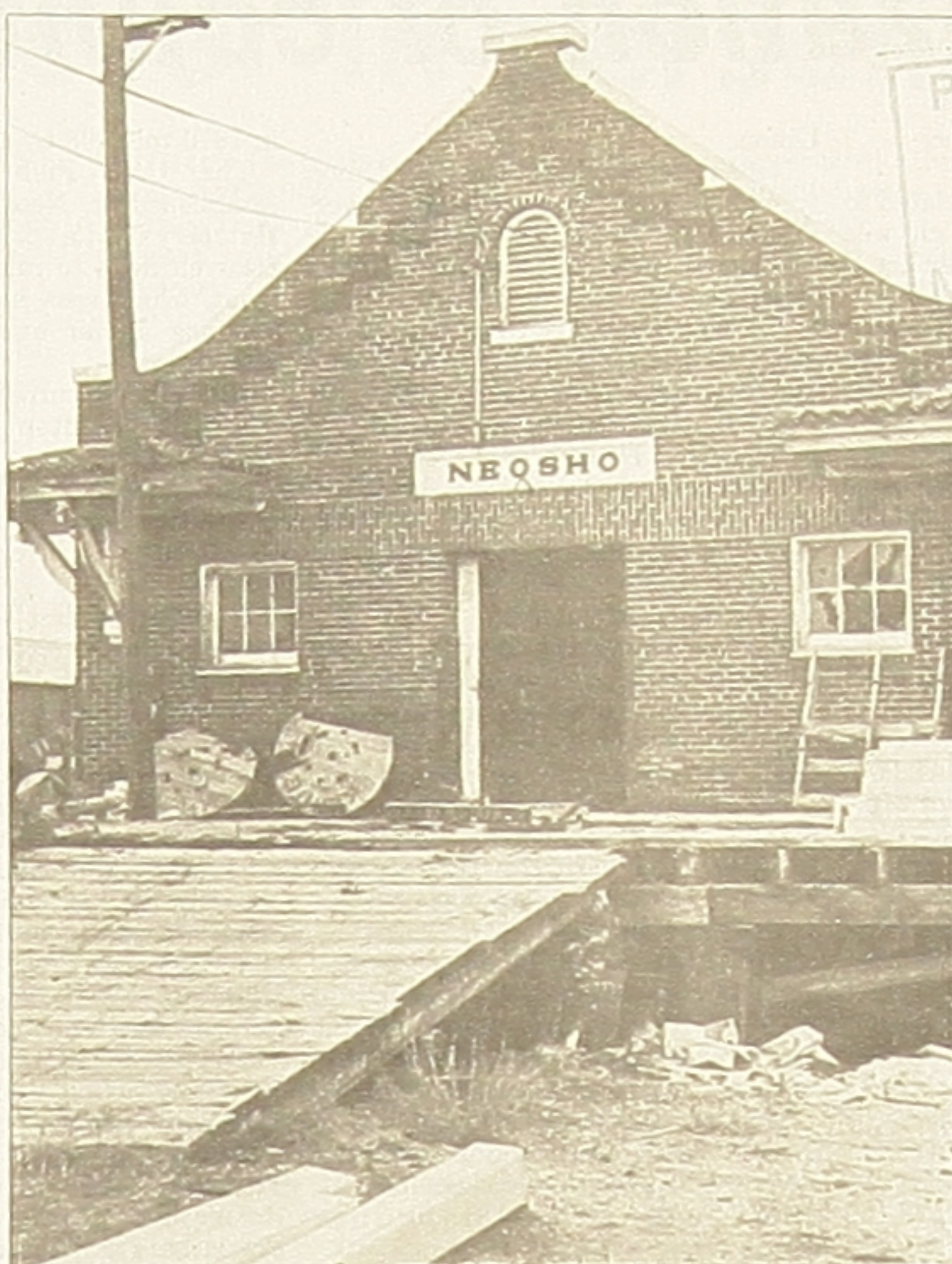
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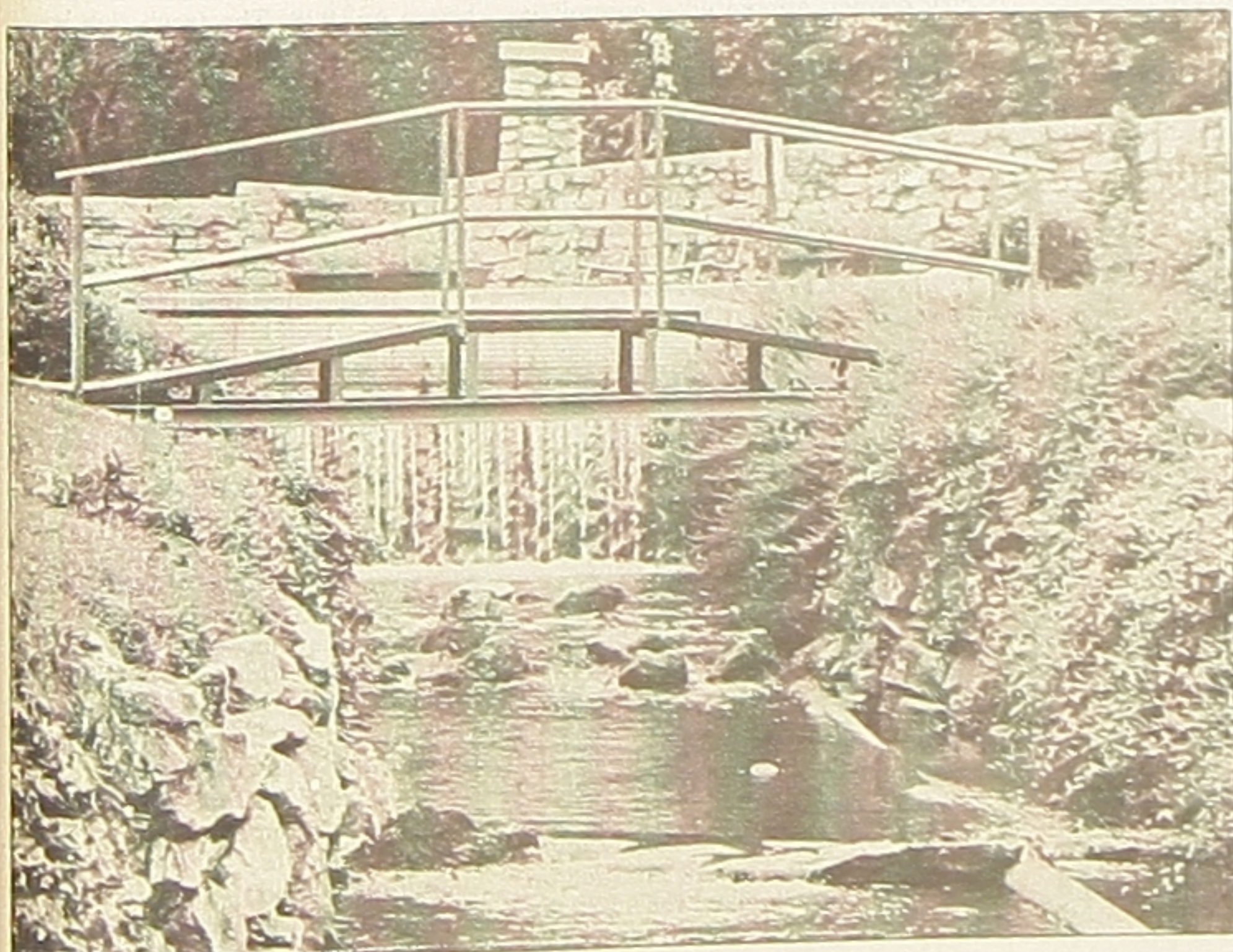
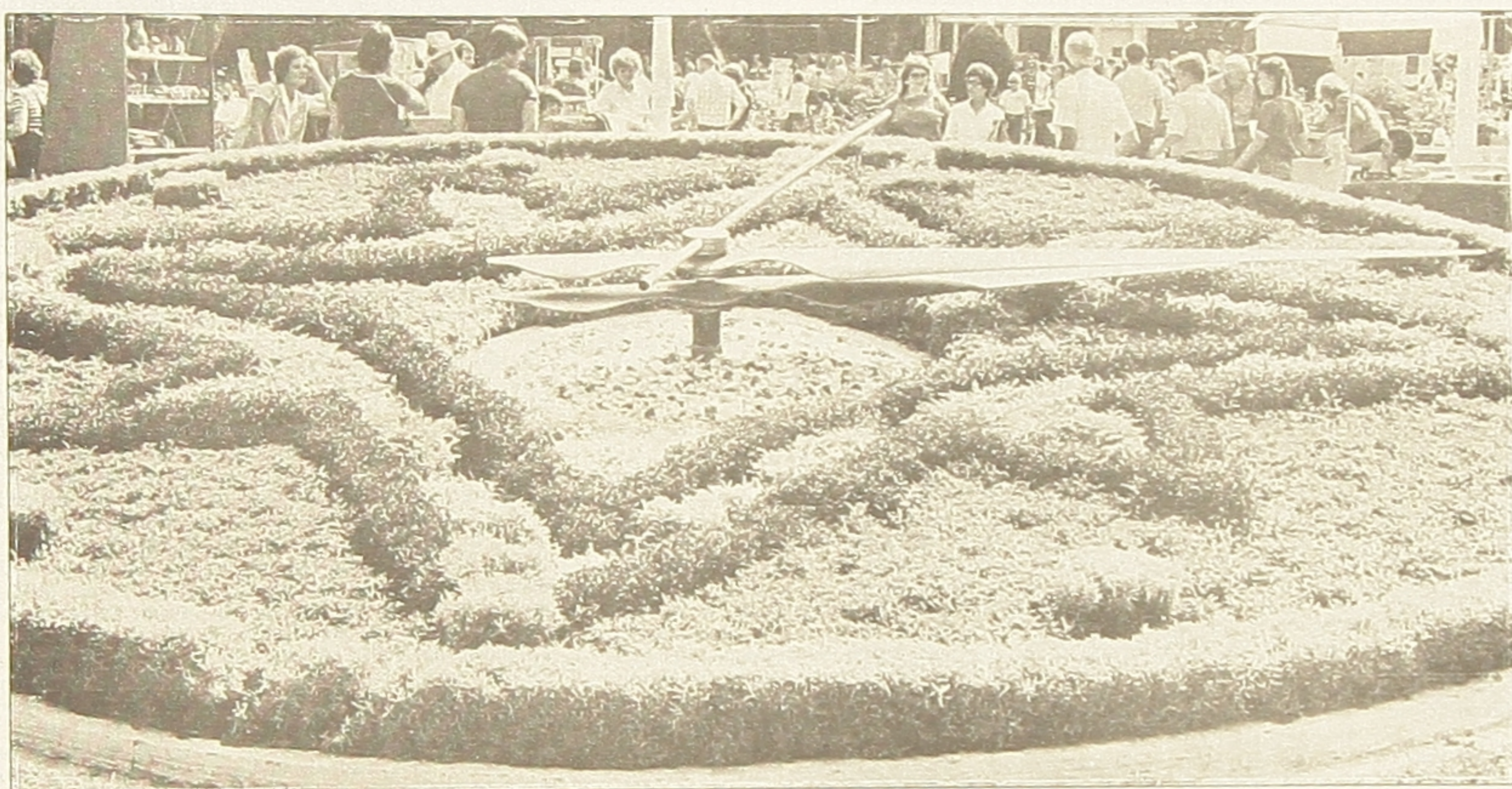
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# Neosho: 'The Flower Box City'



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## Tradition of celebrations still alive in city

by Jonathan Richardson

Thomas Hart Benton, the renowned artist, described Neosho in his 1937 autobiography as a town "that was addicted to celebrations."

That tradition is still alive in this southwest Missouri city, located 21 miles south of Joplin on U.S. Highway 71. Neosho had a June, 1983, population of 905.

The city's name is of Indian origin, meaning "clear abundant water." There are at least nine flowing springs within the city limits, including the famous Big Spring.

Neosho is recognized throughout Missouri and the Midwest as "The Flower Box City." Schools, churches, commercial firms, and service organizations display flower blooms, such as geraniums and

petunias, set in flower boxes throughout the city.

A group of Neosho businessmen developed the flower box idea in 1955 when working on a city beautification program. Neosho was one of 11 cities in the nation in 1957 to receive the National Municipal League and Look Magazine's All-American City award.

Many persons have chosen to move to Neosho after retiring because it is economical, contains natural beauty, and provides easy access to needed facilities.

Big Spring Park, a colorful recreation area, is a popular tourist attraction. Transparent water passing under a footbridge and a clock constructed with flowers offer visitors a peaceful setting.

Neosho's annual Fall Festival, held the first weekend of October, attracts tourists from the four-

state area. Artists and craftsmen exhibit their work at the town square, Big Spring Park, and Municipal Auditorium. Square dancing, contests, and a parade enhance the festivities.

The city celebrates spring by providing bus tours of the local scenery, including the blooming dogwood and redbud trees.

Many Neosho residents first visited the city during World War II as trainees at Camp Crowder. The Army camp, which specialized in communications training, reached a peak of 46,773 trainees in September, 1945. Camp Crowder closed its doors the next year, but was reactivated in the 1950's as a fort.

Crowder College, a public junior college, was established on the Fort Crowder grounds in 1963. The college, which serves Newton and McDonald

Counties, currently has an enrollment of 1,474 students.

"The main reason I like Neosho is because of the people," said Sandy Ezell, secretary of the Neosho Chamber of Commerce. "They are caring and will go out of their way to help you."

"I like the general pride of the town—the interest of the citizens and the economic improvement that has been seen," added Ezell.

Galen Browning, a state representative from Neosho, has been a resident of the city since 1937.

"The people in this district are the finest people you would ever want to be around," said Browning. "The concept still exists in this district that if somebody is in trouble, they help each other. They are just good people."

# HISTORY

## Organization of county paves way for city

By Lisa Dawes and Lynne Ware

Neosho's history is closely related to that of Newton County, which was organized on Dec. 31, 1838, by an act of the Missouri General Assembly.

John McCord, one of Neosho's earliest settlers, deeded "30 or 40 acres" to Newton County on Nov. 12, 1839, for a county seat. McCord's home was a log cabin near Walbridge Spring, which runs under business buildings on the northwest corner of Spring and Lafayette.

The Masonic Hall, which housed the first public school, was built in 1841 at Spring and Washington Streets. The first of five courthouses was built the same year.

The second courthouse was completed in 1850 at a cost of \$3,000. Neosho then had a population of 210.

By the outbreak of the Civil War, Neosho could boast schools, churches, hotels, industries, a stage line, and mining activity. War, however, brought an abrupt end to the first period of progress.

There were no major battles fought in Neosho during the Civil War, but there were many skirmishes. It was not a glamorous period for Neosho citizens.

Missouri Gov. Claiborne Jackson and members of the state legislature, evicted from Jefferson City, met at the Masonic Hall in Neosho on Oct. 28, 1861, and voted to secede from the

Union.

Neosho became a pathway for Union troops, who punished marauding guerrillas in the area. Most of the Confederates had been driven from southwest Missouri by 1862.

The last important Civil War battle west of the Mississippi River was fought at nearby Newtonia on Oct. 28, 1864. Newtonia was approximately 12 miles east of Neosho.

Neosho began its re-construction in 1866. Citizens tore down the war-damaged courthouse and repaired the Masonic Hall that year. Another courthouse was built in 1884.

The Southwestern Branch of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad arrived in Neosho in 1870 when a line was completed from Pierce City. A passenger depot was constructed on Benhan Ave.

The Neosho Collegiate Institute was founded by the South Methodist Church on the corner of Hickory and Wood in 1878. Its name was changed to Scarritt College 10 years later.

Will Rogers, the famous cowboy philosopher, attended Scarritt in 1896-97. Rogers was noted for his many quotations, which included: "I never met a man I didn't like."

Scarritt, which closed its doors in 1903 following a smallpox epidemic, advertised itself as "A college for both sexes." Tuition averaged \$15 for a five-month term.

Neosho's population grew from 875

in 1870 to 2,198 by 1890.

The U.S. Fish Hatchery was established in Neosho in 1887. The Hatchery used a spring on the old L.B. Hearrell farm to raise fish, especially trout, which were shipped for stream stocking as far away as the Rocky Mountains.

A tragedy occurred between Neosho and nearby Tipton Ford on Aug. 5, 1914, when a motor train collided with a passenger train, killing 52. A public funeral service was conducted in the courthouse yard for 25 unidentified victims.

In 1924 the first concrete road was opened between Neosho and Joplin. It was renamed U.S. 71 in 1926.

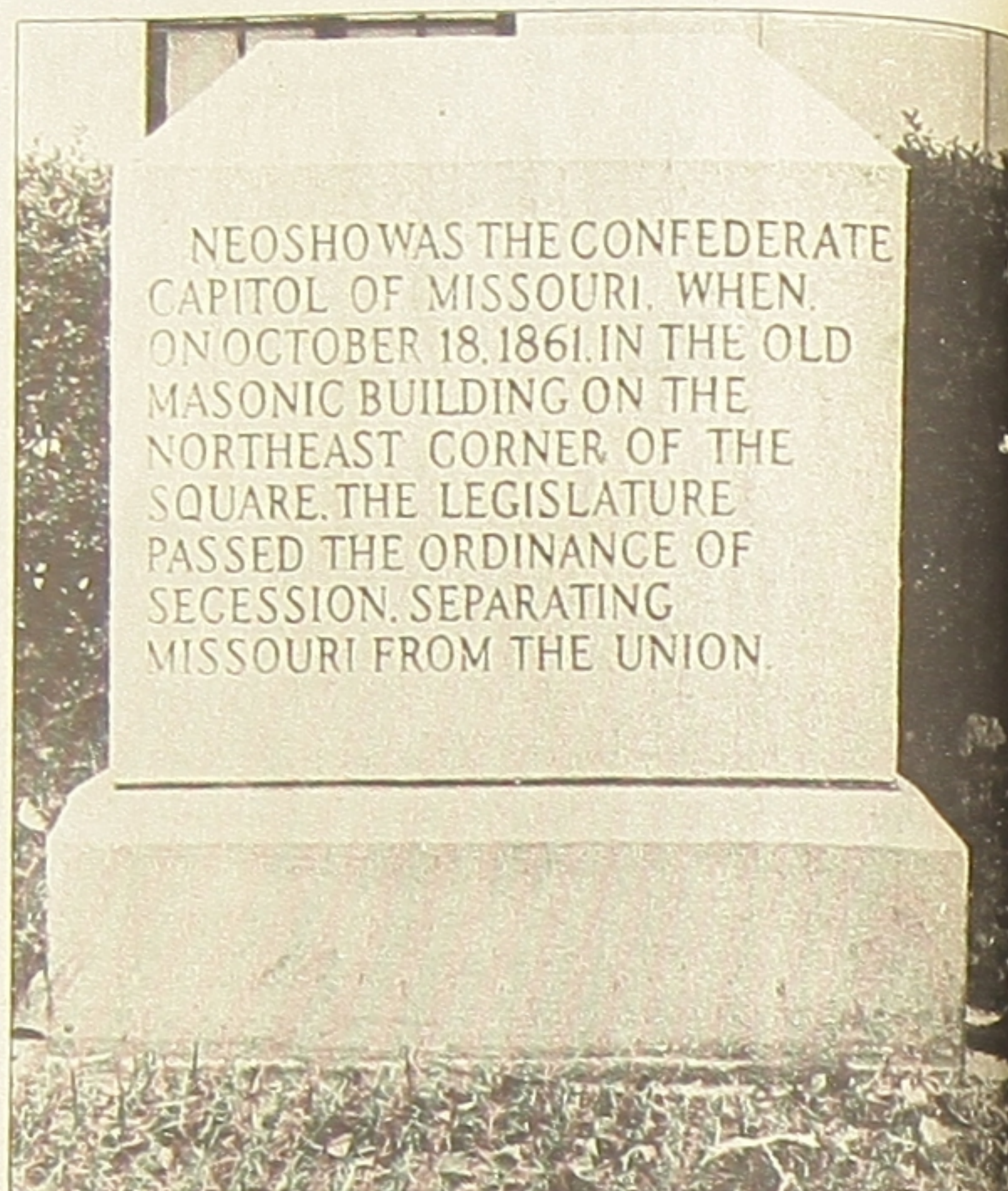
The fifth Newton County courthouse was completed in 1936. Harry S. Truman, then a senator, spoke at the cornerstone-laying ceremony.

Neosho and Newton County celebrated a centennial year in 1939.

One of the worst floods in Neosho's history occurred in 1941 when Shoal and Hickory Creeks washed out Highway 71 and caused much damage to farms and industries.

Neosho's population reached 5,318 in 1940, and doubled during World War II with the founding of Camp Crowder.

The city honored its native son, Thomas Hart Benton, with a Homecoming Day in 1962. Former President Truman participated in the festivities.



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## Camp produces period of change

By Paul O'Dell

When a site south of Neosho was chosen as the location of a new Army camp in February 1941, a period of rapid change began that would greatly affect the lives of area citizens.

The establishment of Camp Crowder on 66,500 acres in southwest Missouri, because of its accessibility and railroad facilities, may be the single most important event in the history of the region.

Named in honor of the late Major General Enoch H. Crowder of Missouri, Camp Crowder was constructed on what was once farmland and orchards, farm houses and homes, all of which had to be harvested or vacated. On Aug. 30, 1941, ground was officially broken for the new camp.

Although construction was underway, the mission of the camp was not defined until October, 1943, when final arrangements were made for the camp to be formed as a Signal Corps Replacement Training Center.

Activity at the site was a frenzy by mid-October. There were 9,778 persons employed at the camp, and 220 buildings were under construction. By Dec. 1, the camp employed 16,356 persons.

On Dec. 2, 1941, the first troops to occupy Camp Crowder arrived—just 92 days after ground-breaking ceremonies and only five days before the attack on Pearl Harbor. Following the declaration of war on Japan, the pace of construction was speeded up.

The civilians were eager workers. One was quoted as saying, "We're in it

now, and if the boys who will use the camp need it, we'll build a road to Hell or a bridge to the Moon!"

Camp Crowder provided training in wire, radio, and message communications; aircraft warning; and instructed cooks, automobile mechanics, and chauffeurs.

Men who were assigned to the Signal Corps were put through a two-week period of basic training, then moved to one of the specialty schools. Upon completion of their training, they were assigned to signal units through the nation.

"The Signal Corps tended to attract creative people," said Kay Hively, a Neosho resident who authored a book about Camp Crowder.

Actors Dick Van Dyke and Burgess Meredith, producer Carl Reiner, and film magnate Russell Meyer received training at Camp Crowder. The Signal Corps produced the Army's training films and also kept a visual history of the forces using photographs and motion pictures.

Cartoonist Mort Walker arrived at Camp Crowder in 1943 and was assigned to radio repair school. Walker used Camp Crowder and Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri as a background for his *Beetle Bailey* cartoons.

In a letter to Hively, Walker describes his experiences at the camp: "They had assigned me to a radio repair school, which was a bit of a surprise since I was an artist and had no mechanical aptitude whatsoever. I always fell asleep in the classroom as we studied the books and woke up when my head hit the desk. They

always gave us a 10-minute break every hour which most guys used to take naps and I used to try and wake up.

"Eventually they put me to work drawing diagrams or posters telling the students to stay awake to win the war. . . . When we got a pass we would take a bus into Neosho and walk around in the park. Or we'd go to the USO in Joplin and dance with the local girls."

Big-name entertainers, including Cary Grant, Benny Goodman, and Kaye Kaiser, often came to Camp Crowder to put on shows for the troops. Many men's wives visited the camp, to be with their husbands one final time before the troops were shipped overseas.

Housing often was a problem because places to stay were not provided on base. Some troops had to stay in Joplin or other area towns because of the shortage of apartments and rooms near Neosho. Renovated chicken houses were even rented out.

One of the most exciting events, at least for the single men, was the arrival of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in November, 1942. Most of the WAACs were educated, experienced professionals before joining the service, and therefore, needed little training.

On Oct. 6, 1943, the first German prisoners of war arrived at Camp Crowder. They had been captured from Gen. Rommel's forces in North Africa.

**C**Please turn to  
CAMP CROWDER, page 10

## Big Spring Park was site of many city festivities

By Cari Howard

Big Spring Park in Neosho is considered by many persons to be one of the most beautiful places in the four-state area.

It was on the edge of the spring that the first Neosho settlers camped in 1839. Big Spring Park was a camp for troops during the Civil War, and later, a slaughter house and tannery.

The Big Spring Inn, whose history is closely related to the spring's burned in 1967. It was constructed by David Mendell, who had built a home earlier on the Inn site. Mendell built a two-story addition to his house in 1890 to establish a motel.

Mendell later built a restaurant in the front part of the structure, and the establishment became known as the Mendell House. Mendell bought the Big Spring property in 1895.

Neosho, in 1884, made the first attempt to establish a city park. The city council appointed a committee to barter for park lots.

The need for a park became urgent as Fourth of July picnics and church camp meetings pointed out the dire need for public grounds.

At this time the spring and surrounding area were a wagon yard, and water was used to furnish power for machinery. Mendell sold the property in 1899 to Davis Baesy, a Texas rancher. Neosho citizens complained because the city did not purchase the land for a park.

S.L. Davis bought the property and sold it to the city in 1903 for \$4,000. Wooden steps and a bandstand were constructed, improving the natural beauty of the park.

The school May festivals, which became annual affairs, were first held in Big Spring Park in the early 1900's.

In 1924 a movement began to purchase the spring itself, and plans were made to find the opening of the old underground cave under the park. The opening was finally found in the 1950's and is now boarded up. The city council asked for a \$30,000 bond issue in 1926 to buy the spring and improve Elm and Bartholic springs.

ings.

The Pet Milk Company moved to Neosho in 1927 after being granted the privilege of using the water supply from the spring to cool milk. The company laid pipes and used the water for many years.

Also in 1927, the street between the park and the Inn was widened, a rock bridge was built over the falls, and the stream divided. The trout pond and retaining wall were added then to help make the Inn famous.

The park had already been used for the first Easter Sunrise Service in 1924. In connection with the services, which became an annual event, Easter breakfast at the Inn became a tradition.

A tree-planting pageant was held in 1928. Members of the Children's Committee Chorus planted shrubs, plants, and vines.

The custom of serving rainbow trout dinners, in which guests could pick the live fish from the pond, began in 1928. The fresh fish were taken from the pool, cooked, and served.

The cool, spring-fed stream running under the lobby helped to gain national interest for the Inn.

Improvements for the park still continued. The Grecian Theatre was built in 1928 for the Easter Service with funds provided by Neosho residents. A children's wading pool was built the same year also in Grecian style. A sidewalk from the street to the pool was donated in 1931.

Dogwood and redbud trees and evergreens were planted in the 1950's at the park. Beautiful rose gardens were also added near the street entrance following the flower box theme developed at that time.

In 1967, the Flower Box Committee of Neosho presented Big Spring Park with a floral clock from Switzerland. The clock, which is pictured on page 1 of this supplement, is 17 feet in diameter and contains over 3,000 plants.

Children and adult theatre productions began in the park in 1969. This is still known as the Big Spring Theatre.

## About this edition:

"Neosho: The Flower Box City" is presented by *The Chart* as a way of paying tribute to a city in the service area of Missouri Southern State College.

It is the second city highlighted in a series by *The Chart*. Last April *The Chart* published a special edition featuring the city of Carthage.

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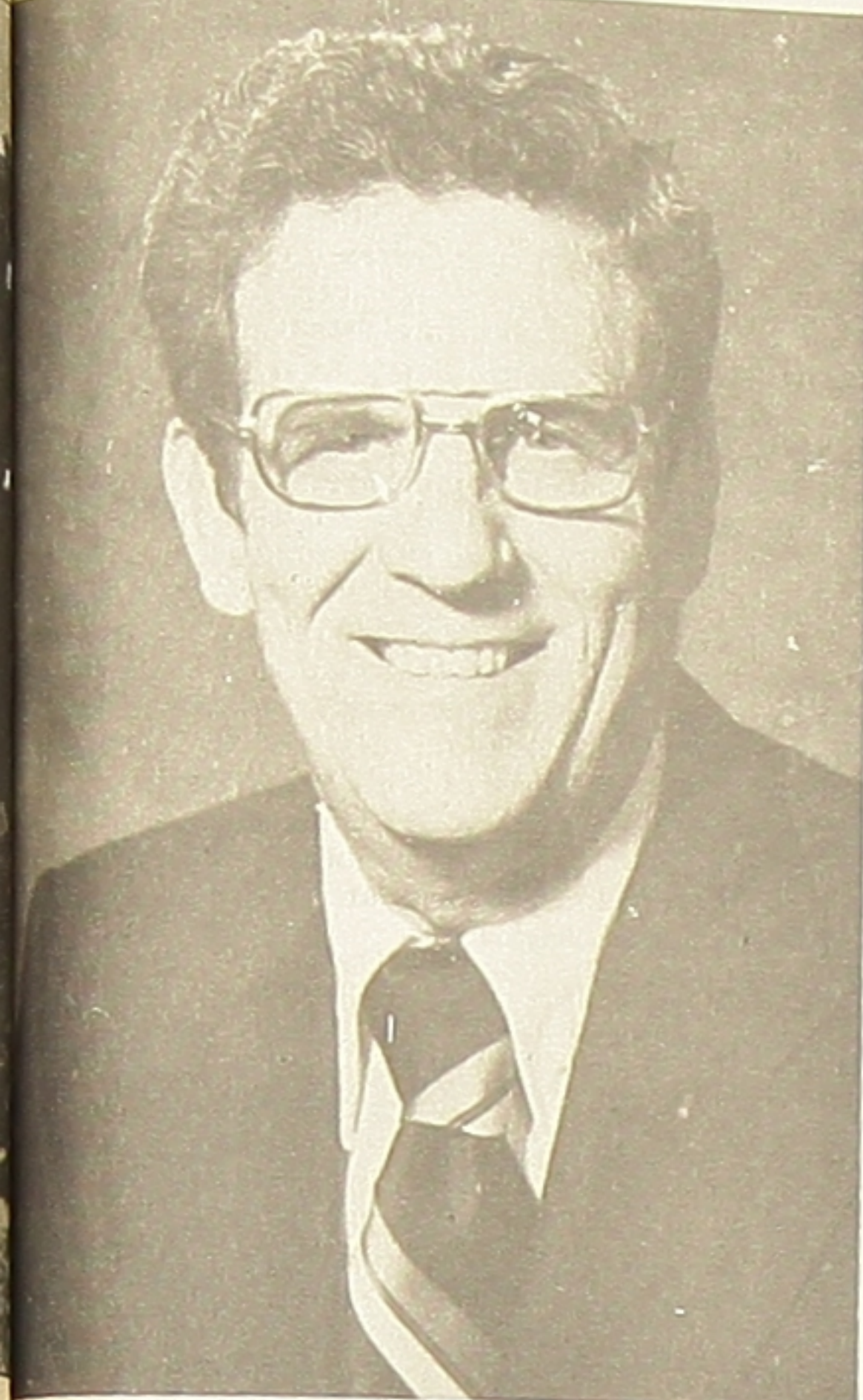
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The Army Signal Corps specialized in communications training at Camp Crowder. In this old photograph, several troops perform a spotter exercise.

# GOVERNMENT

## He deals in issues—never in personalities



Galen Browning

By Jonathan Richardson

He sat down in a friend's barber chair, but didn't even bother to have a towel placed around him.

After all, he wasn't getting a haircut. It was just a comfortable place for Galen Browning, a state representative from Neosho, to conduct an interview.

In Browning's opinion, being a state representative means to reflect the people's view "in specific—what they believe on any particular issue, whether I happen to believe that or not.

tech labor. The facility now has an estimated value of \$250,000.

"They think that we should do whatever we want," said Browning, "and should do it ourselves."

He is a proud Republican.

"I couldn't be anything else. Abortion, homosexuality, ... are under the Democratic platform. In the moral and philosophical aspect, I have to be a Republican."

According to Browning, a difference of opinions and philosophies is vital to provide a free function of a democratic government. This, at times, causes heated arguments

He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Southwest Baptist University.

Browning entered politics because of his Christian beliefs and a desire to set the state back on track financially. When he was first asked to be a candidate for state office, he "decided that was the thing for me to do after a lot of prayer and soul searching."

Being a Christian means "everything" to Browning.

"Christianity is just a day-by-day walk with the Lord," he said. "The main thing is that I be the same that I am here as I am at the coffee shop or as I am in the floor of the House in Jefferson City."

Browning loves to fish and play golf, but rarely has time for those hobbies. He is a broker in Neosho, but has found there is a conflict between his two jobs.

"It really doesn't work too well," he said. "You can't wear two hats to be successful—you have to be one or the other."

He has no intentions of climbing the political ladder, but ... "If I felt impressed to go, do, or be, and an opportunity should appear, I would do it—with no fear of defeat."

Browning, 60, has achieved most goals he desired from life.

"I've had good health," he said. "I have four children—all good kids. I've obtained a measure of financial success."

"I probably don't have all that I want, but certainly all that I need."

Browning has applied a philosophy to his life and political career: "When you are doing what you think you should, there is no defeat."

*"I believe that if you'll be who you are and be honest, when you say something, your effectiveness will prevail."*

"If there should come a time when my philosophies should conflict with what my constituents in a majority believe, I should resign and let them express their viewpoints," explained Browning.

The people of his district are, according to Browning, "one of the most level-headed constituents to exist in the entire state."

"If there is a problem and they know of it, they say, 'Attack it.' But they don't like to put money into a sponge and not know where it is going."

Browning backs this statement with an example. Crowder College needed a \$200,000 bull-testing station for its agricultural department. The constituents provided \$75,000, and requested it be built with vo-

among the state representatives.

"A lot of people say that they have to equivocate their principals to be effective," said Browning. "I believe that if you'll be who you are and be honest, when you say something, your effectiveness will prevail."

He has a "formula" that he uses in politics.

"You never deal in personalities—always deal in issues," Browning said. "Never let the issue come between you, because if you do make an enemy out of a person, you'll never be effective."

A resident of Neosho since 1937, Browning is now serving his second term as state representative. He attended Oklahoma Baptist University, the University of Wisconsin, and Southwest Missouri State University.

William Beauvais:

## Improved relations his concern

Scott Wilckens

The long-range goal of William Beauvais' tenure as city manager of Neosho is to improve relations between the public, the city, and its employees. Beauvais, who assumed his post January, said, "I have an open-door policy, and I encourage public input. On the average, I get several phone calls a day from concerned citizens. Those phone calls deal mainly with maintenance problems and street repair. But Beauvais' duties as city manager are much more diverse. "I do just about everything," he said. "I see that ordinances are enforced, I'm responsible for all departments of local government, I work on preparing the budget. I could say that I am the administrative head of government."

Beauvais said that the preparation of the city budget takes up a large portion of his time.

"I present the proposed budget to the city council, and they can accept it or reject it," he said. "They usually accept it with some modifications."

The total budget for Neosho is approximately \$4.2 million annually. That is divided among the city administration, police department, fire department, airport, parks and recreation department, street department, water department, and sewer maintenance.

Beauvais said the most important issue facing the city council was raising monies for capital improvements. Several ideas are being discussed concerning ways to fund the needed street, curb, and gutter repair.

"Something has to be done," he said. "The streets need repairing,

and they are in this state of disrepair because of a lack of sufficient funding for maintenance."

The council has also been discussing the dioxin buried at the Wastewater Technical School. The dioxin is in a concrete tank and poses no immediate environmental hazards, but is currently covered only by a layer of dirt. The council has proposed that a permanent cap be placed on the tank at an estimated cost of \$40,000.

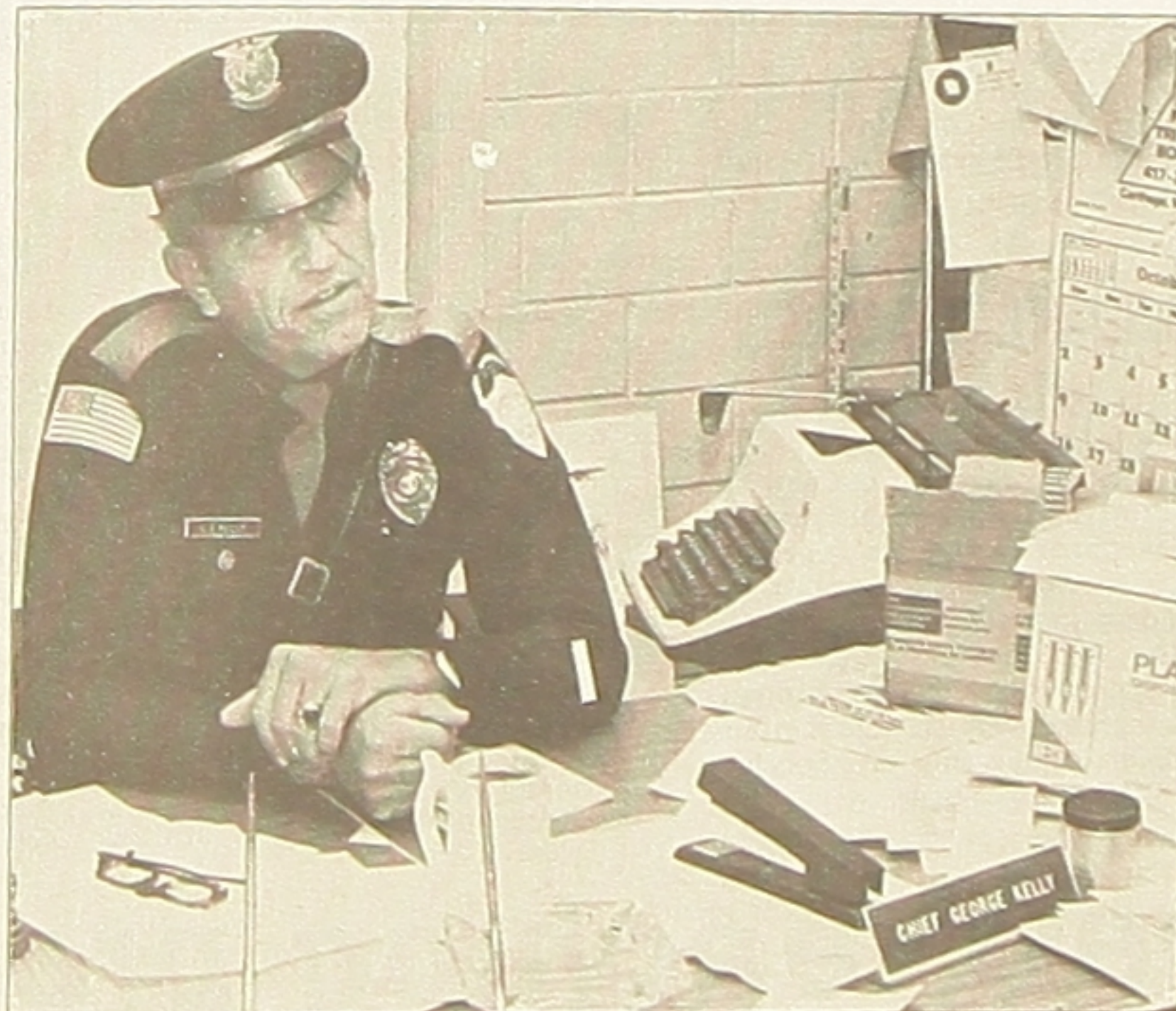
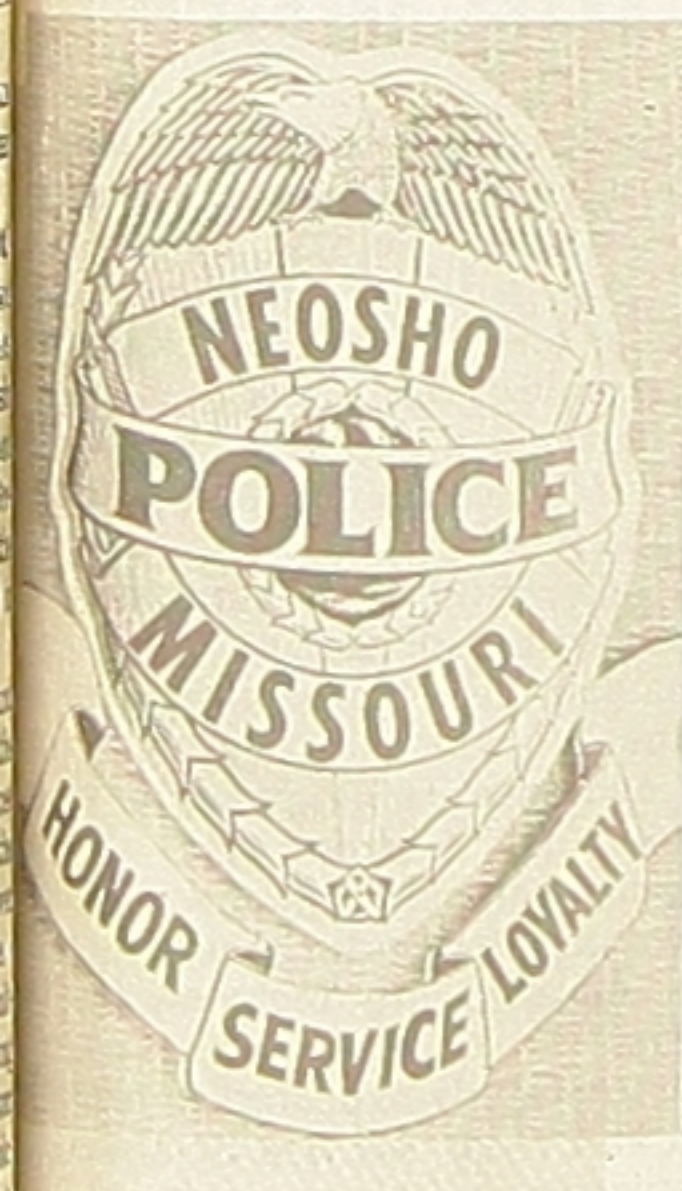
The success of a city manager is linked ultimately with the support given him by the city council. Beauvais stressed that ability in the area of relating to people and having a well-developed common sense has helped him in the past.

Beauvais served as city manager in Whitehall, Mich., for 14 years before accepting the Neosho position. His son, Jim, is an art major at Missouri Southern.



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William Beauvais



George T. Kelly

## Police believe 'Kids are citizens, too'

Ray Ferguson

The Neosho Police Department was established in 1865 under the title of Office of City Constable. It acquired its present title after World War II.

George T. Kelly is the Neosho police chief. He started on the force in 1961 as a patrolman and was named chief eight years later.

"It was a dream when I became chief of the most complete department around," said Kelly. "But with money the government gives you, you can only do your very best with what you have."

One of the major concerns of the department are vandalism, and an increasing rise in child

abuse.

"With such a small town as ours, you would think our child abuse would be minimal, but it isn't," Kelly said. "It is a really big problem, and it is just about impossible to stop."

Kelly is proud of the relationship his department has with the Neosho youth.

"We have a motto around here: 'Kids are citizens, too!'," said Kelly. "And they are to be treated as such. If I catch an officer harassing a kid, he will be off the force the next day."

The police station has updated facilities, including a modern computer, improved officer training, and educational programs.

The department consists of three divisions—detective, crime prevention,

and an explorer scout group which currently has 12 high schools enrolled in it.

Kelly said a majority of his officers come from the police academy at Missouri Southern.

The crime rate in Neosho is average, but the homicide rate is far below average.

"We go three or four years with a murder or suicide," said Kelly.

Since the Newton County Sheriff's Department is also based in Neosho, there is much collaboration between the two law enforcement agencies.

"We have a fine working relationship with the sheriff," said Kelly. "I'm real proud of the department down here and hope to be a part of its growth and expansion."

## Mayor is ex-egg producer

By Scott Wilckens

Jim Brock, an ex-egg producer and now a partner in Exod Industries, has served as mayor of Neosho since April.

Since Neosho has a city manager form of government, Brock's main duty is to serve as chairman of the city council. The mayor is elected by a simple majority vote of the five members of the council.

Other members of the council include Merle Jones, ex-executive vice president of the Neosho Chamber of Commerce; Charles Bell, a psychologist at Ozark Mental Health Center; Phil Kelly, owner of Kelly's Restaurant in Neosho; and John Ball, manager of Tyson's Foods.

Brock said his general duties include conducting the council meetings, signing all checks for bills and wages, entering into negotiable contracts, and serving as ceremonial head of state when requested.

He said the council is just an advisory and policy-making committee. It establishes all city policy and procedures, and then hires a city manager to see that the policies are carried out.

Brock discussed several issues facing the council at the present time. The main issue to trying to raise money for needed capital improvements on streets, curbs, and other areas. More discussion centers on how to make the civic auditorium in Neosho self-supporting. Options include selling it, leasing it, or simply closing it.

Another issue is the dioxin buried at the Wastewater Technical School.

"The EPA has tied the council's hands with red tape every time we try to act on the issue," said Brock. "The federal government subjects us to new regulations, but they never tell us how to fund these programs. Their regulations are nearly impossible to meet."

Brock vaunted Neosho's strong points when he listed the following factors as making the city the ideal residence: the fine religious community, the educational structure of the public schools and Crowder College, the industrial park, and the recreation areas and park system.

Brock, who served as a council member and mayor pro tem before becoming mayor, explained how he went from an egg producer to politics.

"I very naively wanted to establish an efficient form of government," he said. "But that is feasibly impossible, because democracy and efficiency don't run hand-in-hand."

He has been involved with Exod Industries, a wood-manufacturing company, for the past two years. He made his living prior to that by owning 35,000 laying hens on his farm.

Brock uses his common sense to stay in the middle-of-the-road on most issues.

"If an issue serves the community, I'm for it," Brock said. "If it does not benefit the community, I'm tough to convince."

## Chamber's goal to promote city

The main goal of Neosho's Chamber of Commerce is to promote the city.

The Chamber also works with the city's businesses and industries. The only requirement for a business to

become a member of the Chamber of Commerce is the payment of dues.

Dues for a full pledge member are \$100 per year. Associate member dues are \$37.50 per year.

# EDUCATION

## Students want to stay longer at Crowder

By Emily Sanders

The personal consideration and attention given to students is the most outstanding feature of Crowder College, according to students, faculty, and administration.

Crowder College, located three miles south of Neosho, is a two-year community college offering associate of arts and associate of applied science degrees, and one-year certificates in auto mechanics, clerk-typist, mid-management, secretarial, auto body repair, and practical nursing.

The college is comprised of 608 acres and several buildings, which include Newton Hall, McDonald Hall, the auditorium-gymnasium, the Vocational-Technical Education Complex, and dormitories. The Learning Resources Center is in the east wing of Newton Hall.

Crowder College gets its name from General Enoch Crowder, a prominent Missourian, soldier, and statesman. It

was established on April 2, 1963, and opened in September, 1964. There were 378 students that first year.

There are currently 1,474 students, including 76 senior citizens, enrolled at the college. The average age of those students is 29.

Most students come from the two-county district—Newton and McDonald Counties. Neosho High School supplies the largest number of students, but students also come from Diamond, East Newton, Seneca, and McDonald County high schools.

Tuition at Crowder is \$170 per semester, or \$17 per credit hour for district residents. Dormitory cost is \$695 per semester. Fees for students that live outside the district are \$230 per semester, or \$23 per credit hour.

There are 47 members of the faculty and administration at Crowder. Five hold Ph.D.'s, 23 have master's degrees, and 13 attended community colleges like Crowder.

"They are well-qualified academ-

ically," said Dr. Dell Reed, president. "They are committed to teaching. They're not particularly interested in research or writing."

"They enjoy living at Crowder. Neosho is a pleasant place to live. Many have been here since Crowder began."

Crowder College is also the location of the state water-wastewater school.

"We're very glad to have it as a new division," said Reed. "I consider it to be an extremely good, strong division of the college. We have 60 students enrolled in it, which is the capacity."

The college also has a hotel-motel-restaurant management program and a vocational-technical school.

Crowder is the first college in Missouri to offer scholarships for students who have GED certificates. It is also the only community college in the state to have residency halls.

The largest club at Crowder is the Aggies. Other student organizations

include Art Club, Collegiate Deca, Electronics Club, Gourmet Club, Phi Beta Lambda, Phi Theta Kappa, Residence Hall Council, Soccer Club, Spanish Club, and Student Senate.

Students also have the opportunity to participate in what Dr. Reed calls a "spirited" athletic program.

Crowder's men's and women's basketball teams, baseball team, and softball team have enjoyed nationwide success in recent years.

"The support from team to team is as good as any school I've seen," said coach Bill Presley. "With all the squads combined, it's just tremendous."

Said coach Dennis Helms, "We want to have good athletic teams, but it's important to us that everybody graduates."

Dr. Reed said Crowder, like other colleges, has financial difficulties and needs additional physical facilities. As president, he is concerned about low

salaries, inflation, and the inability to add new programs.

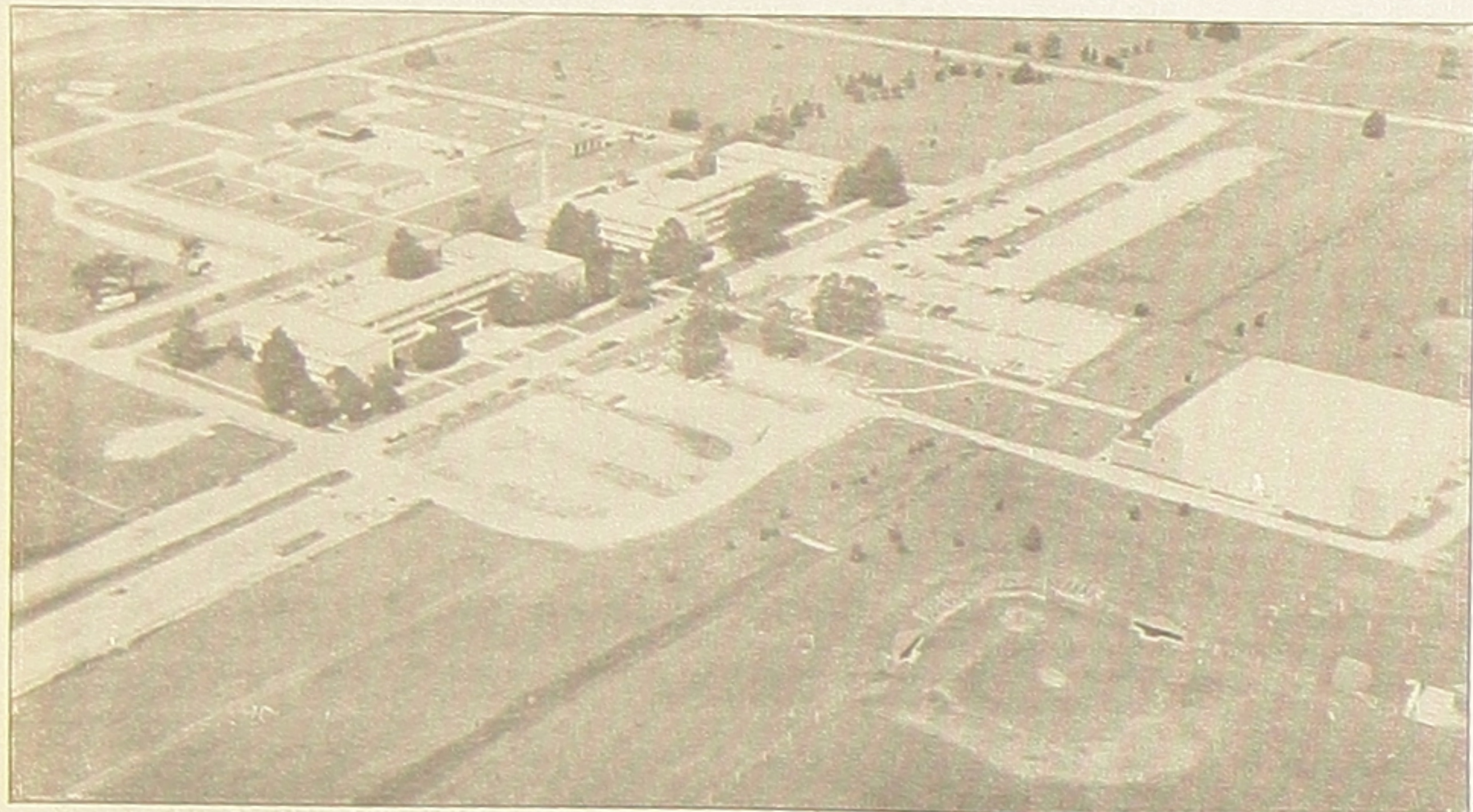
"We would like to do more in the way of the 'so-called' high technology," said Dr. Reed. He said Crowder would also like to offer a two-year associate nursing degree.

There are plans to build an arts/cultural arts building to house drama and music departments. The new building would include an auditorium.

One project started recently is paving of parking lots. This is being financed by Crowder students through a facility fee they voted to provide.

Dr. Reed said the measure of any college is the quality of its graduates. Many Crowder students transfer to Missouri Southern, Southwest Missouri State University, and universities in Oklahoma and Kansas.

"Basically, people are friendly and happy here, and wish they could stay longer."



This aerial photograph of Crowder College highlights the institution's 608 acres.

## College raises funds for building

By Bob Vice

Because of the civic spirit typical of the Neosho community, Crowder College was able to raise \$75,000 to build new vocational technology facilities.

"I never got into a situation where there was so little work involved," said Bob Haas, vice president of Haas Warehousing, Inc.

Haas directed the fund-raising for the new vocational-technology building. He had been involved in several other fund-raising activities for the Neosho community.

"When the college asked me to help them, I told them they were crazy—you can't raise that much

money in a town this size."

Haas first believed the fund-raiser would work when he learned that Crowder had an excess amount of cattle, and that it would be willing to sell the cattle to help finance the project.

"We organized the sale," Haas said, "and well—things just took off like a Chinese firecracker. In one instance, a farmer who had no money to donate gave us a quarter-horse. Another farmer strapped for money donated a cow."

Both animals were sold at Crowder's cattle sale.

The college opted for the \$75,000 fund-raiser instead of pursuing the

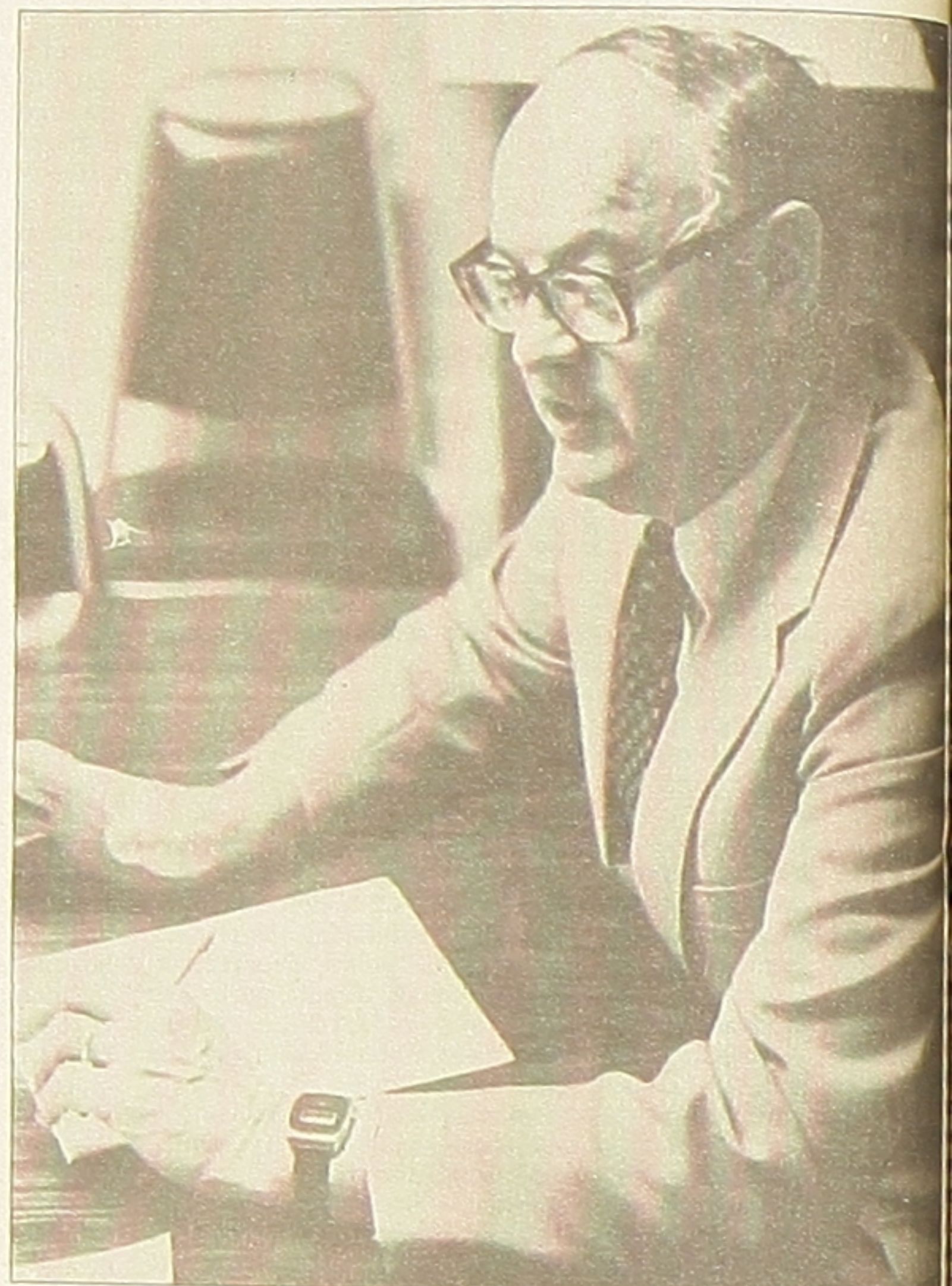
funds via a bond issue, which would have cost local taxpayers approximately \$150,000 if the issue passed.

"The \$75,000 is the cost of materials only," said Haas. "Various classes at the college constructed the building."

It took just over 30 days to raise the money, according to Haas.

"We had great help and support from the financial institutions of both counties (Newton and McDonald)," Haas said, "along with many individual donations."

"The bottom line is the cooperative effort of both counties to get something done that was badly needed."



Kassab photo

Dr. Dell Reed

## Students doing the work

Students at Crowder College are building themselves a new vocational-technology building.

Construction of the project was made possible by \$75,000 in donations received by the college from Newton-McDonald County communities.

Under the direction of Dean Richard D. Thexton, vocational-technical division, various classes are participating in the construction.

Clarence Whitehead, whose building trades class is participating in the construction, is the project supervisor. Last year's masonry class and Economic Security's summer youth program are also assisting.

The Missouri National Guard helped hang roof beams and trusses, hauled in fill dirt, and did the bulldozing and excavation work.

Students in the college's drafting

class drew the plans for the project. Gene Andrews is the drafting instructor at Crowder.

"We owe a lot of thanks to C. Magruder (architect)," said Andrews. "He approved the plans and signed them. Without a registered engineer's signature, we could not have gotten a permit to build."

The new building features a width area 62 feet by 105 feet.

"The doors are big enough to get a combine 14 feet by 20 feet through them, and once inside, plenty of room to work on it," Andrews said.

Two classrooms, an office area, and a "clean room" for work on such parts as diesel injectors are included in the building.

Construction is expected to be completed and ready for use by the next fall semester.

## Transfer students now have handbook

Students transferring from Crowder College to Missouri Southern can now take advantage of a transfer handbook, alleviating much anxiety and confusion.

The handbook, published for the first time last year, can be a valuable reference tool for Crowder College students. It was published by Southern's academic services department in cooperation with Dr. Dell Reed, Crowder president, and Dr. Gordon Hatcher, Crowder dean of

students.

According to Dr. Eugene Mouser, director of academic services at Southern, the purpose behind the handbook was "to make things easier for the transfer student" and provide a comparable list of suggested study.

The handbook outlines preferred course sequences for students taking their first two years of coursework at Crowder College. It is designed to aid in the transfer between the two col-

leges, and allows accurate, long-range planning for coursework.

Many transfer students can expect a slight drop in grades at Southern.

"Most transfer students experience 'transfer shock,'" said Mouser. "Their grades drop just a little bit."

Mouser said that any transfer student who possesses an associate degree and a 3.0 grade-point average is offered a transfer scholarship at Southern worth \$215 per semester.

## Academy utilizes new teaching program

By Kathleen Stokes

The Ozark Christian Academy, located at 905 Summit in Neosho, was founded 10 years ago by Rev. Branham to provide Christian education for area children.

Originally named the Ozark Elementary School, the establishment relies on donations and student tuition to function. Tuition is \$550 per year, plus \$50-70 for books.

During the Academy's first year, about 40 students were enrolled. Rev. Holden was the principal, and the grades ranged from kindergarten to eighth.

The grades were divided into four groups—kindergarten; first, second, and third; fourth, fifth, and sixth; and seventh and eighth. The conventional method of one teacher for each class was used.

Today approximately 80 students are enrolled in the Academy. Terry Mincks is the principal. The number of grades has expanded to include the high school level.

The teaching method has also changed. Implemented the second year after the school began was a new program called ACE—Accelerated Christian Education.

Under the ACE program, Mincks explained, students receive instructional booklets geared to certain levels, and then they work independently and at their own speed.

Students attempt the lessons on their own, but when problem occur they raise a small flag at their "office," and a teacher will come to their assistance. There is no open classroom discussion.

Each student works in his or her "office" and is not allowed to talk with

fellow students.

"We stress discipline," said Mincks. "If you can't be disciplined, you can't learn."

The students also follow a strict dress code in order to eliminate competition and jealousy. The girls wear blue blouses and jumpers, and the boys wear blue shirts and slacks.

Makeup is not allowed. Long hair is encouraged for the girls, but not enforced. Boys are not allowed to have beards or moustaches, and their hair must be above their ears.

One other rule is that there be no married students.

"Home is the first institution that God ordained," said Mincks. Therefore, the home is not to be disrupted or broken up by having one or both of the partners in school.

The approximately 10 full- and part-time teachers have specialized areas of

study, and help students who have problems in their particular field.

Mincks said additional classes include chemistry, algebra, accounting, music, art, and drama. French, Spanish, Greek, and a variety of Bible classes are also taught.

The students publish a yearbook annually and helped to publish a newspaper last year. They used the services of a local print shop, which is part of the church and school.

The Academy is part of the Ozark Bible Institute, which comprises the college level of study. The Institute began as a three-year program and is now a four-year Christian Education program.

Mincks said few of his students leave the Academy to attend public school. He said the main reason for any transfer is usually because of disputes

between the families and the church.

The majority of the Academy graduates continue their education at local or other Bible colleges, including Ozark Bible College, Bob Jones University, Pensacola Christian College, and Tennessee Temple.

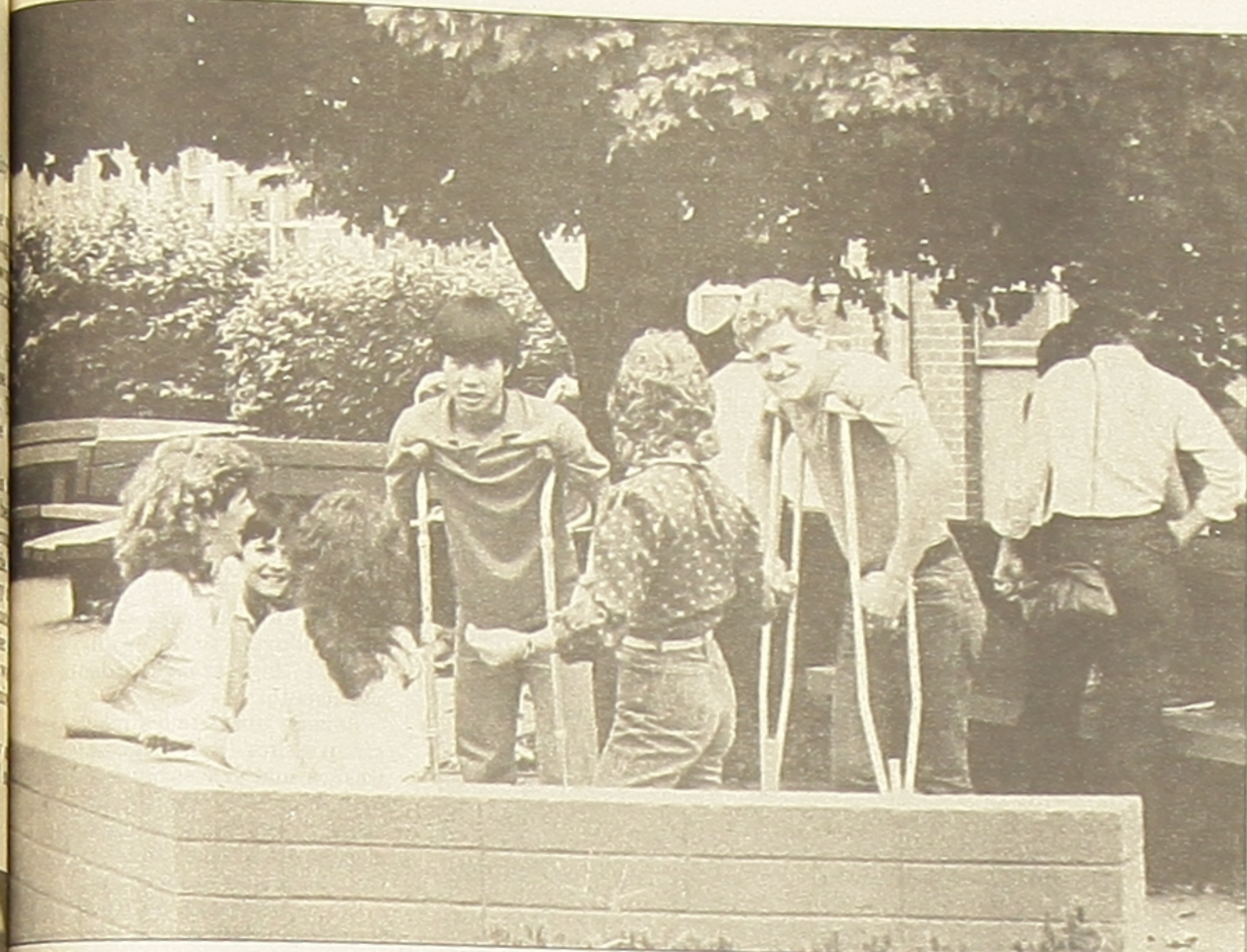
The Academy is receiving a new addition called the Kessler Memorial Complex. It will have 2,000-2,500 seats and will house a recreational area, administration center, and library.

Mincks said the turnover in teachers was low. Most have been with the Academy for several years. Parents help teach the Bible classes part-time.

Because of a lack of funding, salaries are low. However, many teachers remain at the school because of dedication and love for their work.

"We feel God has called us to have a Christian school," said Mincks.

# R-5 District faces severe space problem



Neosho High School students relax during a lunch period in the school courtyard.

By Pat Halverson

Old buildings, an innovative and varied curriculum, and a shortage of room to grow are contributing to a severe space problem in the Neosho R-5 School District.

Five elementary schools, an intermediate school for grades five and six, and the junior-senior high school complex make up the Neosho facilities. Although there are newer buildings, two of the structures in use date back to 1916 and 1918.

"We do have a need for more space," said Dr. Roy Shaver, interim superintendent of schools. "Our biggest problem is to convey that need to the public."

In 1980 a survey team from the University of Missouri commended the Neosho district for a superior curriculum.

The team found the school system to be one of the best in the state, but said that space problems were hampering it. The Neosho facilities were considered inadequate for the programs offered.

For example, there is no room for any expansion at any of the present Neosho elementary school sites. Part of the high school property is unusable for expansion because of a large hill and ravine that divide the property.

Ninety-seven seventh graders must be transported daily to the in-

termediate school from the high school for classes in English, social studies, and mathematics. Teachers at the high school have to take turns using some of the classrooms.

"Most people agree the high school site is too crowded," Shaver said. "We don't need to bring any more students to this campus. Junior high enrollment right now is the highest it has been—ever."

At the high school, the use of every classroom for almost every period of the day limits the teachers' ability to prepare for classes, and leaves almost no time for parent-teacher conferences or special help for students.

Eighty acres at the junction of Highways 71 and 86 have been purchased by the Neosho district for a school site. However, bond issues to build a new junior high there have been defeated at the polls.

"There are various reasons for the defeat—people on fixed incomes, some don't like the site picked, and some people don't think we really need it," Shaver said.

Neosho school officials are coping with the space squeeze while striving to maintain a high level of academic excellence.

New programs continue to be added to the curriculum. Officials are planning for the future with the space problem in mind.

## Expansion coming despite cuts

Despite an anticipated reduction in aid, the Neosho R-5 School District has been able to go ahead with several expansion programs.

Dr. Roy Shaver, interim superintendent of schools, said in his annual report message to the Board of Education that the district is in "sound financial condition" even though a sluggish economy and reduction in cigarette tax revenue have contributed to a fiscal uncertainty on a statewide basis.

A new computer laboratory and a program for the behavioral disorders among expansions at the secondary level. Expansion and improvement of programs was highlighted in the

1983-84 budget theme, "Reaching for Excellence."

Although Shaver expects the district will receive less state aid this year than last, the 1983-84 budget of \$7,568,915 is an increase of \$802,451 over last year.

Approximately 50 per cent of the revenue for the system comes from state sources. The district will receive \$1,196,365 from the Proposition C sales tax increase. One-half of this amount is being used in the educational program, and the other half to replace revenue that will be lost from the reduction in the school tax levy from \$3.55 to \$2.57.

Improvements in the educational program include an expanded vocational-agriculture program, an additional first grade teacher at Goodman, and an expanded remedial mathematics program at the elementary level. A 20 per cent increase in tuition for vocational-technical students has also been instituted.

Capital improvements financed through the 1983-84 budget are the purchase of eight new school buses, needed maintenance and roofing projects, consolidation of central office space, construction of a bus wash area, and the construction of an auxiliary gymnasium.

## Schools emphasize basics in education

Neosho High School has long concentrated on the basics in its curriculum development.

According to the Neosho High School Curriculum Guide: "Locally the curriculum has remained what could be described as 'basic.' The District has gone for the far-out fringes in curriculum."

Like most Missouri schools, Neosho's curriculum offerings are divided into seven areas: language

arts, social studies, mathematics, science, fine arts, practical arts and health, and physical education.

"One thing that makes Neosho unique is that it requires one semester of speech," said Nancy Todd, a speech teacher.

A computer laboratory with 12 terminals was added this year, creating a new computer science class that covers operation and programming.

"I'd venture to say that in the next

five years, some aspect of computers will be required for all graduates," said Dennis Griffin, principal.

According to the latest North Central evaluation report, strengths of Neosho's curriculum include a wide diversity of courses and a qualified staff to teach the courses.

Weaknesses pointed out were the lack of space and facilities needed to add additional programs.

## Extra-curricular activities are important

Nancy Putnam

Participating in extra-curricular activities is one of the most important parts of a student's life, according to Dennis Griffin, Neosho High School principal.

To support his statement, Griffin cited a Phi Delta Kappa study from five years ago.

They surveyed graduates all over the United States," he said. "They asked them what was most important to them in high school. The biggest percentage said that student activities were most important and held the most meaning for them."

For us, this means we have to provide the opportunities for students to be involved with activities so they can develop social qualities."

According to Griffin, the high school administration does not have to encourage involvement, since having a variety of activities provides the mechanism to do that.

First of all we have to provide a lot of diversified activities, then they all

have to be important, and the school has to feel they are important before students will become involved," said Griffin.

The faculty is encouraged to stress the idea that no group or organization is considered more important than another.

"We have a philosophy about that," said Griffin. "We won't neglect some organization for others. If we can make excellence in one area, then why not in another?"

All activities receive financing, based on the individual needs. Sponsors are required to provide a financial statement each month.

Neosho High School offers a variety of departmental clubs. It has 18 different organizations, including mathematics, science, computer, foreign languages, psychology, homemakers, art, drama, future farmers, vocational, library, and literary clubs.

"Most of these clubs are just extensions of the classes," said Griffin.

The school's activities also include

the National Honor Society and Student Council.

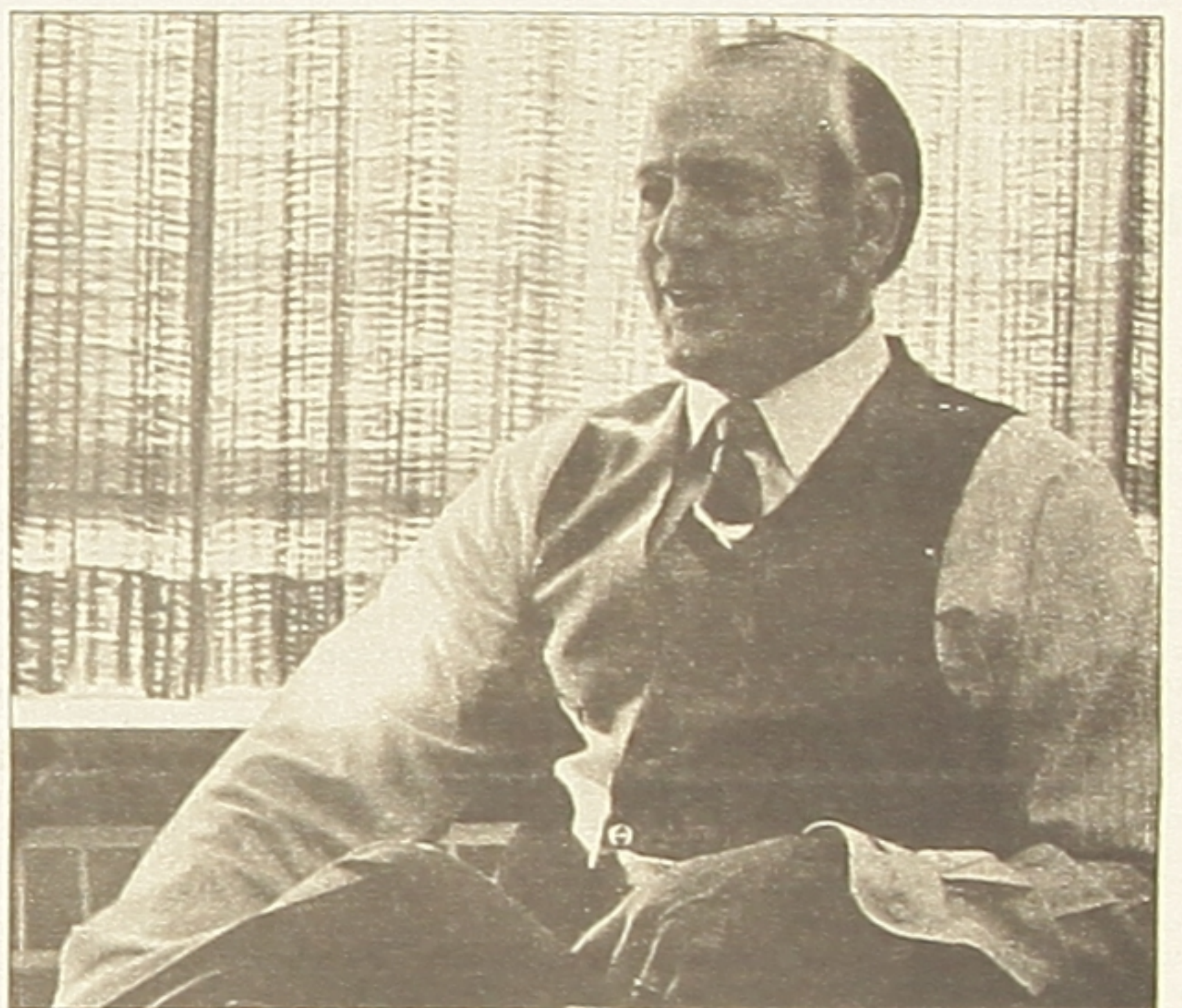
Students interested in music can become involved in any of eight groups, including the Wildcat band, stage band, orchestra, girls and boys glee, treble choir, choraleers, and Cecilian Choir.

Several sports are offered at Neosho High School, a member of the Big Six Conference. Fall sports are football and girls tennis and volleyball. Winter sports are wrestling, and boys and girls basketball. Spring sports are golf, boys and girls track, boys tennis, and baseball.

Wildcat Pride, a replacement for the old pep club, was introduced last year. The new pep organization is open to all students who want to support athletics.

Griffin believes the students who are more involved in extra-curricular activities are usually the ones who make better grades.

"Since that is true, then the more involved they become, the better students they are going to be," he said.



Fullerton photo

Dennis Griffin

## School to have 'mini-gym'

Construction of a new auxiliary gymnasium and weight-training facility at Neosho High School should be completed by late spring, according to Dennis Griffin, high school principal.

The gymnasium is a cooperative effort with the high school Booster Club. Griffin said the club originally wanted to build a weight room, but the Board of Education asked if it would join forces for a larger project.

Funds raised by the Booster Club will be pooled with available building funds, but it is not committed to any certain amount. The school is expected to pay about \$125,000 for the structure.

No bond issue was needed for the

construction of the gymnasium.

Overcrowding in physical education classes is the main reason for the addition. The high school gymnasium now has two classes scheduled simultaneously (75 to 90 students) throughout the day, which restricts the type of activities that can be carried on.

The auxiliary gymnasium will be used as a multi-purpose area to supplement the space available in the full-size gymnasium. The addition will connect to the south wall of the present building, with access to the existing shower facilities.

Part of the "mini-gym" will be used as a weight-training facility that can be utilized by all students.

## Average teacher salary: \$17,241

Classroom teachers in Missouri have an average salary of \$17,521, compared to an average salary of \$17,241 for a classroom teacher in the Neosho School District.

Neosho teacher salaries rank 57th in a total of 547 districts in the state, according to Dr. Bertha McClaskey of the Missouri Commissioner of Education's office.

Figures taken from a 1982-83 pro-

file of the Neosho School District show that two-thirds of the Neosho staff has 10 or more years experience. The average classroom experience is 16 years.

A profile of the average Neosho teacher would show a female, average age of 36 or 37, 16 years of teaching experience, with an approximate salary of \$18,500.



"Gifted" children discuss a reading assignment.

## Gifted children extend thinking skills

By Pat Halverson

Making a book—literally—is one of the intriguing projects of fifth and sixth grade students in a program for gifted children in the Neosho schools.

"My purpose," said Judith Dixon, teacher for the program, "is to extend their thinking skills. I attempt to do that in various ways."

Students actually write a book, choosing their own subject. They then make the cover and bind the pages together, and a parent-teacher panel chooses students to display their creations at a Young Author's Conference in Springfield.

Dixon, chosen as the Neosho Education Association's Most Outstanding Teacher for 1983, said children in the

gifted program must meet three criteria: score in the 95th percentile on an IQ test; score 95 or above on an achievement test; and be nominated for the program by one of their teachers.

"This is an enrichment program," Dixon said. "The students see me every day for 50 minutes."

Besides writing books, students also do a great deal of reading. Discussion is an important part of the process.

"I do not ask the usual questions about the reading material," Dixon said. "Instead of 'who did what?', I ask, 'What do you think?' Questions are designed to make the students think."

Other areas of study include com-

puter programming, and a special algebra program for the eighth graders. Students also enter History Day at Missouri Southern, and last year they won several awards.

"We have studied a foreign language the last two years," said Dixon. "Last year it was French. This year we're studying Spanish."

The program starts in the fifth grade and continues through the eighth. Currently, there are no teachers assigned to teach gifted students past the eighth grade level.

"I would like to see that changed," Dixon said. "One of the problems is money. The economy has been bad, and there is just no money to hire other teachers for the program."

# SERVICES

## Public library 'has its place'

By Robin Douglas

Before 1967 Neosho had two public libraries—the Neosho Public Library, which was established in 1931, and the County Library, established in 1951.

The two libraries merged in 1967 at 403 S. Jefferson, a building formerly owned by the Church of Christ.

Jack Wood is the head librarian. He feels the Neosho library is economically feasible to the community.

"Many people don't go to our high school library," said Wood. "That library is for students. It carries the books they need for their assignments. It doesn't carry very many adult books or best sellers. I feel the public library has its place."

The library has a large film collection, obtained through the headquarters of the Missouri Library Film Co-op in Independence, Mo. A group of libraries in the state owns a film collection, and the Neosho library receives 48 films per month. Most of the films are educational, and can only be kept for one month.

An organization called Inter-Library Loan, based in Springfield, also assists the Neosho library. If a person requests a book the library does not

have, the library will make a request to Inter-Library Loan, which will then send the book or conduct a search for it.

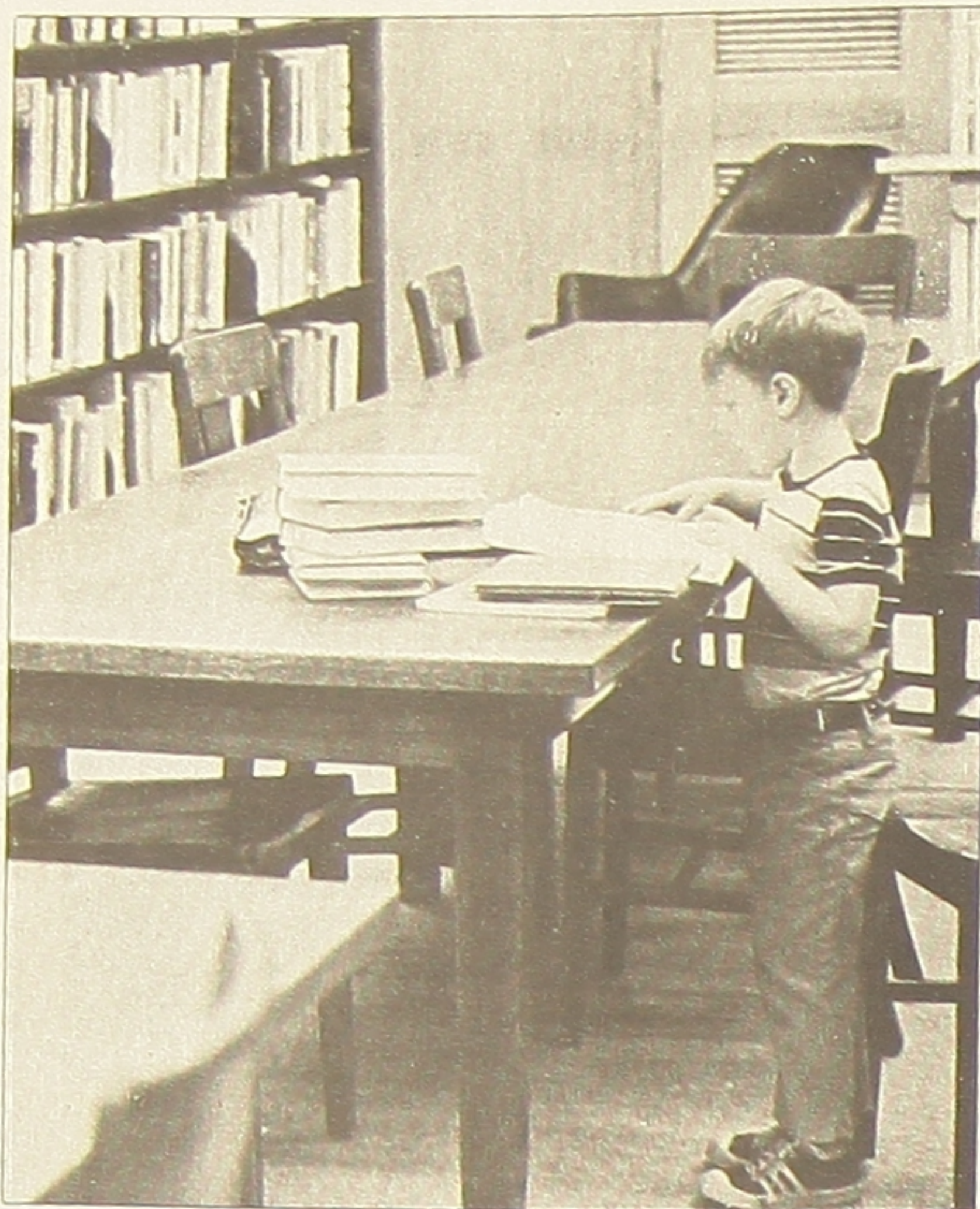
"We try to keep our resources updated on a continuing process," said Wood. "We try to keep up with as much as we can afford. We have a budget of a little over \$100,000, and approximately 60,000 volumes."

Bookmobile, a service headed by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson, is also sponsored by the Neosho library. Bookmobile is a traveling library that covers Newton County. Its main function is to serve senior citizens that cannot travel to Neosho. The Bookmobile travels four days per week and three weeks per month.

The library receives newspapers from Joplin and Springfield, and subscribes to the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Christian Science Monitor*.

Persons must have a library card to check out books. Eight books may be checked out at a time, and can be kept for 28 days.

The hours for the library are from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday; and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. It is closed on Sunday.



Stokes photo

A grade school child takes advantage of the library facilities.

## Youth are active in Neosho

By Elissa Manning

Neosho's youth are offered more than school activities to occupy their spare time. Several youth organizations in the city give teens the opportunity to become active in their community.

Teen Town is one of Neosho's more popular youth clubs, according to Lewis Tomlin, sponsor.

"The kids are very enthusiastic and willing to work," said Tomlin of the 27 high school students who participate.

Raising funds takes most of the group's time. Rummage sales, car washes, and dances have proven to be successful. Holding dances after athletic events is sometimes expensive, however. The group must pay for a band and decorations.

"It is important for Teen Town to have these dances for the other kids," said Tomlin.

Teen Town provides other public services, including preparing packets for the annual heart fund drive. During Christmas season the group collects clothing, food, and toys for families in need.

The Boy Scout troops in Neosho follow similar standards, according to Max Lampo, scout master of Troup 34.

"We canoed one day on Elk River, and as we went, we collected debris," said Lampo.

Scouts learn how to live off the land, a Boy Scout tradition. As a result, they learn to respect the land.

"We try to plan a major activity at least once a month, the majority of these being campouts," Lampo said.

In addition to the outdoor survival skills, first aid and community life are taught.

Scouts work to earn merit badges in all three areas. To do so, they participate in service projects.

"We've gone door-to-door in Neosho collecting old eye glasses and donated them to a church. From there the glasses were sent to a mission in Central America to be fitted on those in need," Lampo said.

Both organizations say they are open to suggestions.

"Almost anything they're asked to do, they do," said Tomlin.

## Parks department offers variety of programs

By Robin Douglas

Bill Crow has been the director of the Neosho Parks and Recreation Department, located at 418 Fairground Road, for 10 years.

"We have a large recreation center," said Crow. "It consists of a gym, action rooms, meeting rooms, a kitchen, tennis courts, a swimming pool, and soccer fields. I'd say we're well-equipped."

A group of persons started a petition in 1947 for the formation of a parks and recreation department. A department was organized a year later.

"Basically everyone in the town, ranging from businessmen to housewives, just wanted something for the kids to do," said Crow. "We are a little different from other parks and recreation departments. We have a separate two-mil levy."

The department has programs for youth and senior citizens. These programs include boys, girls, and adult basketball, gymnastics, men's and women's exercise classes, women's aerobics, coed aerobics, older American

aerobics, coed volleyball, youth soccer, swimming (infant, youth, and adult), aquatic exercise class, tennis lessons, baseball, T-ball, and girls softball.

"In our baseball program," said Crow, "we are unique," said Crow. "We only compete against other teams in our program. We have over 40 teams in soccer and basketball. We don't travel out of town and no one has to try out."

"We don't want too many kids signing up because we want all of them to be able to play in a game, and not sit on the bench. We average about 13 players to a team."

The baseball program usually has between 500 and 600 players signed up. Games are played at Morse Field, which has two lighted fields, at Veta Street Park, which has one large lighted field, and at Scenic Drive Park. The baseball program is restricted to Neosho residents, but the other programs have many participants that come from surrounding areas.

There are two seasons for soccer. The fall season has 200-300 participants, and the spring season has 300-400. Games are played at Lions Park and Armeombhammer Field.

"It's hard to say which of these two sports (soccer or baseball) gets a bigger turnout," said Crow. "If you put soccer's two seasons together, it definitely would be the bigger sport. But if you keep the seasons separate, baseball would be bigger. We have an excellent turnout for it."

The recreation center has five licensed instructors to teach aerobics. Jan Blackwell is the head instructor. She tries to limit her classes to 25 or 30 persons.

"We have a unique program because we have one of the finest instructors," said Crow. "She is one of the best aerobic teachers. We send our instructor to Wichita and Tulsa about three times a year. That's why we have a first class program. We have the latest and she brings back new routines."

The department also sponsors a swim team, which travels to Pittsburg, Webb City, Nevada, Springfield,

Rogers, and Siloam Springs for competition.

The department is in charge of taking care of the flower boxes on the Neosho square. It sponsors many other activities, including the Fall Festival, Student Art Show, Antique Auto Display, Community Theatre, Pet Show, Children's Theatre, Festival Parade, Pioneer Exhibitions, a baby contest, and Round House Rhythm.

"About eight years ago the city decided to expand us," said Crow. "Now we take care of all the parks, plus we rent and take care of the Municipal Auditorium."

Round House Rhythm is a music program designed for children ages five and under.

"These kids perform in front of audiences," said Crow. "It is an incorporated music program. They work around a railroad theme. The Missouri Arts Program helped fund it."

The Neighborhood Recreation Center is open seven days a week to the public. Rooms may be rented for meetings and public use.



Fullerton photo

Construction is underway on the \$7.1 million addition to Sale Memorial Hospital.

## Sale Memorial expanding its facilities

By Karol Anderson

Sale Memorial Hospital is expanding its facilities to better serve the area's medical needs.

The hospital will double its size with a 32,000-square foot addition. This is the fifth addition since the first structure was built in 1937.

Sale Memorial, one of 1,376 investor-owned hospitals remaining in the United States, has a staff of 13 physicians—one in allergy, three in family practice, four in general practice, one in internal medicine, one in pediatrics, two in surgery, and one in urology.

"Since we have an investor-owned hospital, we can be selective in who we hire," said Dr. George C. Olive, president of the corporation and chief of staff.

"The last seven doctors added to our staff have gone into specialty training in their field," said Olive, "and have

become board eligible or board certified."

Four of the last six physicians added to the Sale Memorial staff have been members of Alpha Omega Alpha, requiring them to be within the upper 15 per cent of their medical school class.

"We all have a personal interest which makes for a better place to work," said Olive.

The 65-bed hospital has 24-hour coverage with a physician on duty at all times.

"Since our hospital is located in the same building as our doctors' practices, in case of an emergency," said Olive, "we can be at our patients' bedsides in minutes."

After a two-year search for funding, ground-breaking ceremonies for the \$7.1 million addition were held in February. Target date for occupancy is June 1, 1984.

The lower floor of the new structure

will contain a new emergency room and laboratory space, a new radiology area, and a new pharmacy with a drive-through window. The lower floor will also hold offices for insurance and accounting personnel.

The upper floor will hold two new operating rooms with support areas and a four-bed intensive care unit. The upper floor will also have 21 private rooms, with all present semi-private rooms being converted to private rooms.

Remodeling will take place in the current structure to expand the labor and delivery rooms and provide a new obstetrical nursery.

Sale Memorial had its beginning in 1925 when Dr. O.A. Sale started construction of a hospital at Main and Jefferson. The present building was constructed as Sale-Bowman hospital in 1937.

## Restaurants offer variety in customer competition

By Kathleen Stokes

Some of the larger Neosho restaurants may not agree as to who is No. 1, but they have no such problems when it comes to bringing in the customers.

Coleen Spence, assistant manager of The Regal Restaurant, located at 219 E. Main, said the facility has been in operation at least four or five years.

"We have seating for 100," she said. "The lunch hour is always pretty full. Sunday it's packed, but Monday is pretty slow. The rest of the week is about average."

Spence said about 50 per cent of the Regal's customers are older persons, while the other half is mixed. The restaurant does not serve many teenagers or children.

She estimated that the Regal is in the top three as compared to the other major restaurants in Neosho.

The varied selection on the menu may be one of the contributing factors to the Regal's success. Included on the menu is white chicken (\$2.75), jumbo shrimp (\$4.95), sirloin (\$4.95), oysters (\$5.25), roast beef, barbequed beef sandwiches, grilled cheese sandwiches, and a salad bar.

McDonald's, located at 709 Neosho Blvd., has been in business five years.

"We get customers from eight months to 80," said Mike Tatum, manager.

Although Tatum always anticipates an increase in customers, an estimate of daily sales was not released.

Since 1975, Pizza Hut, located at 915 S. Neosho Blvd., has been serving a mixed array of customers.

Terry Smith, shift supervisor, said Friday nights were usually devoted to teenagers, while Sunday nights found more family groups arriving. He did

not know the average number of customers the restaurant served.

"We like to think of ourselves as 1," said Smith.

Another major restaurant with mixed customers is Kentucky Fried Chicken, located on West Harmony.

Lynette Steinbach, manager, said KFC has been in operation for three years under present ownership and 10 years total.

Steinbach estimated that the restaurant served about 175 persons each day. Compared to the other restaurants in Neosho, she placed KFC in second place.

One of the larger restaurants in Neosho is Neal's Restaurant, located at 701 N. College.

Mrs. Neal Hughes, co-owner, said the restaurant has been in business 10 years. The 200-300 customers served each day are a mixed group. Hughes said the number nearly doubled last year when a salad bar was added.

"We're a regular dinner house," she said. "The public thinks we're the best and the best."

Included on Neal's menu is chopped sirloin (\$3.75), roast beef (\$3.95), fried chicken (\$3.50), shrimp (\$3.50), prime rib (\$4.95 and \$7.95), hamburgers (\$1.50), cheeseburgers (\$1.75), vegetable lasagna, and barbequed ribs.

A Wendy's fast-food restaurant is scheduled to open Dec. 17 at 715 S. Neosho Blvd. It will be the 17th Wendy's located in Missouri.

The restaurant is being located in Neosho because company officials felt there was a market in the city. The construction will be in keeping with Neosho's theme of "The Flower City," with more shrubbery and flowers planned for the landscape.



## Bell family operates city airport

By Lisa Dawes

The Neosho Airport is owned by the city, but the Bell family runs it. It all started when Jim Bell, Sr. read an advertisement in the newspaper for someone to manage the facility. Bell, who has been a pilot for over 30 years, and his wife, Lora, took it from there. When the Bells first took over the operation of the airport, there were only eight planes based at the field. There are approximately 35 planes now.

An administration building was the only facility at the airport when the Bells arrived. There are now two hangars, a pilot's lounge, and a classroom, where students are taught to fly.

Lora Bell is a flight instructor. Fees for flying lessons range from \$2,000 to \$2,500 for a six-month course. About five or six students graduate each year.

She attended the University of Arkansas for three years, and was a legal secretary. The Bells' sons, Bill

and Jim, are students at Crowder College. Both sons assist in running the airport.

No large airlines use the Neosho airport, but several large business jets and chartered planes do take advantage of the facilities. The airport has a 5,000-foot lighted runway.

The Bells own two charter planes. They plane they give lessons in is equipped with an intercom so that teacher and student can communicate.

## Senior Center provides care for elderly

By Kierston Hood

The Neosho Senior Center, located at 105 S. Wood, is one of two major nursing homes located in Neosho. The center is owned by Beverly Enterprises, which is based in Pasadena, California.

The Senior Center houses 94 beds, 91 of which are presently filled. The ages of the patients range from 45-102, but

the average age is 84.

There are only two requirements for a person to meet in order to be allowed into the home. They must be at least 21 years old and placed in the home under a doctor's care. Ninety-five percent of the Center's residents are women. Doralee Gilion, assistant administrator, said this fact is due "only to supply and demand. We are finding that our women are living longer than

our men these days."

In addition to providing care for its residents, the Center also has several activities for the senior citizens to participate in. They provide bingo games, picnics, and arts and crafts. On Sunday afternoons there is a church service and occasionally a school group will come in and entertain the patients.

Visiting hours for the Center are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Newspaper feels 'everyone has a story'

By Deanna Dye

"We feel that everyone has a story," said Anne Cope, editor of the *Neosho Daily News*.

It's our responsibility to report that story," said Cope, co-owner of the newspaper with her husband, Kenneth. That philosophy has been with the *Daily News* since it was purchased by Edward Bush, Anne's father. When he died, the newspaper was passed on to the family. It was eventually bought by Kenneth Cope, who serves as publisher.

The newspaper employs approximately 35 full-time persons and several part-time workers, including

Kay Hively, who writes a weekly column entitled "The Outdoor Journal." Many of the employees did not have a journalistic background, but are local persons who have learned the business.

The *Daily News* is published Monday through Friday afternoons and on Sunday mornings. Every edition has a sports page, family page, and local report that includes area deaths, marriages, births, and the court report. The newspaper also prints a farm page on Tuesdays and a church page on Fridays. It covers some national and international news, but the emphasis is on local events.

"We are a small town newspaper putting out the news for the local peo-

ple," said Anne Cope.

The circulation of the *Daily News* is about 6,300, which includes individuals and businesses. The territory is all of Newton and McDonald Counties, except for the Joplin city limits. Because of the wide spread of territory, the newspaper must be mailed to many readers.

The *Daily News* is a member of the Missouri Press Association. The staff has won several awards over the years in contests sponsored by the MPA. In 1982 the newspaper received honorable mention in investigative reporting and photography.

"We want to give something personal to our readers," said Anne Cope.

## He loves animals

By Deanna Dye

According to Jim Moore, animal control officer for Neosho, "A dog cather is someone who picks up dogs, but an animal control officer is someone who cares."

Moore took his position three years ago because of his fondness for animals.

"I love animals and want to have some responsibility for their safety," he said.

Moore is in charge of feeding all animals, catching them, taking care of reports of bites, complaints, fees, adoptions, caring for injured animals, and destroying those which are not claimed or adopted.

One of the greatest problems he deals with is not being able to identify an animal and returning it to its owner.

"If the people have the city tags for the animal," said Moore, "they don't put them on the animal."

The animal shelter is operated by the city of Neosho. The animals are kept in pounds at Crowder College. After an animal is picked up, Moore takes it to the pound and holds it for three days. After the third day, if the owner has not claimed the animal, Moore sends out word that he has an animal available for adoption. If the animal is not adopted after a week, it will be destroyed.

"We are a small town," said Moore. "We just don't have room to keep

many animals."

A small group of concerned individuals has formed a Humane Society in Neosho. The group has been assisting Moore for the past few months, according to Nancy DeFrates, president. Other officers include Dee Cullers, vice president; Debbie Friend, secretary; and Phillip Corpon, treasurer.

"We work very closely with the police and county departments, as well as with Mr. Moore," said DeFrates.

The Humane Society has paid the bills for injured animals, and has purchased drugs and tranquilizers to help catch and sedate animals. It has also set up rabies clinics.

Another focus of the Humane Society is animal abuse.

"We want all the recognition we can get," said DeFrates. "We hope to bring a good abuse case to court—to the people."

The Humane Society would like to be able to take over the care and responsibility of animals, but the dream is still in the future. It is planning some activities to help raise money.

"We would like to have a dance or concert with a country and western band," said Friend.

Any persons interested in adopting an animal or assisting the Humane Society should contact Moore at the police department between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## 'Jaws of life' coming to Fire Department

By Gary Headley

The Neosho Fire Department has stations located with the Police Department and at the industrial grounds near Crowder College.

The department consists of Elmer M. Klein, the fire chief, and 15 firemen.

"The city has approved for the department to hire an assistant chief sometime after April, 1984," said Klein. "When I came to Neosho there was a part-time assistant chief, but I felt there was a need for a full-time assistant to be hired."

There are also 14 volunteer firemen who are on call, and are paid when they are called to a fire. The department has six certified state instructors.

The firemen work a 56-hour week, which is a shift of 24 hours on the job and 48 hours off.

"A total of 12 men will answer a normal fire call," said Klein, "and more will go if needed."

In addition to covering Neosho, the department serves a five-mile radius outside the city. The department covers as a whole a district of 90 square miles.

At station No. 1 there is a 100-foot

ladder truck, one rescue truck, three city pumpers which are used on city calls, one district pumper, and one mobile light unit. The pumpers are trucks which take the water forces into the hose and put the pressure behind the water.

Station No. 2 has one tanker truck which hauls the water to fires, one pumper, and one brush truck which is used in brush fires.

The department also has special equipment, including K-12 saws, foam equipment, and generators. It is in the process of purchasing a "jaws of life."

Said Klein, "We have over half the money we need, and we hope to be able to get the rest that we need and have it by the end of the year."

The "jaws of life" is a piece of equipment used in rescuing those who are trapped in cars following accidents. With its powerful jaws, it can pull or pry open jammed doors.

Klein has worked as fire chief since 1968, and came to Neosho in September, 1982.

"Neosho as a whole has got one of the greatest potentials for city growth as well as industrial growth," he said.

## Ambulances respond in 7 minutes

If there is a need for emergency medical assistance anywhere within the 614 square miles of Newton County, the Newton County ambulance service will be there in an average of seven minutes.

The ambulance service is on call 24 hours a day. It has a trained staff of 12.

There are also 11 emergency medical technicians (EMT's) and one emergency medical technician paramedic

(EMTP) available for duty.

The base station for the Newton County ambulance service is located about 1.5 miles west of Neosho. It has two ambulances, which are both equipped with heart monitors. Various drugs can be given to a patient if prescribed by a physician from an area hospital. This type of ambulance is classified as an advanced life support system.

## Funeral home serves Neosho

Clark Funeral Home of Neosho, located at 312 S. Wood, has been serving area residents since 1890. Fred Clark is the owner-director. The funeral home was relocated to Neosho from Joplin in 1950.

Prices for funerals range up to \$4,000 or \$5,000. "I don't believe there is a family in this area that doesn't have some sort of burial insurance," said Clark.

Vaults which hold and seal a coffin from underground elements are required, and are used by Clark Funeral Home.

According to Clark, few autopsies are performed in the Neosho area. Some bodies are donated for scientific research, though.

"I've always had people ask me why a funeral service," said Clark. "It was brought home to me during the Korean War."

Clark said that his funeral home treats the deceased with love."

## KBTN provides more 'than any other station in Joplin'

By Kay Burke

KBTN is a full-service radio station that serves the city of Neosho.

Being the only radio station in Newton County, KBTN has a listening area of 20 to 30 miles in diameter. It has been in existence since 1954, broadcasting "a lot more news and sports and things of that nature than any other station in Joplin," according to Dave Winegardner, general manager.

Programming is developed with the local public in mind so that the listeners can hear information not broadcast on any other station. Therefore, KBTN is considered by classification a country-news-information station.

The local radio station has been located at 216 W. Spring since 1965. It employs 13 persons, five of which are programmers. These programmers are the ones who actually operate the equipment and broadcast. KBTN is one of nine stations co-owned by Winegardner and Galen Gilbert.

Winegardner has been the program director and general manager since

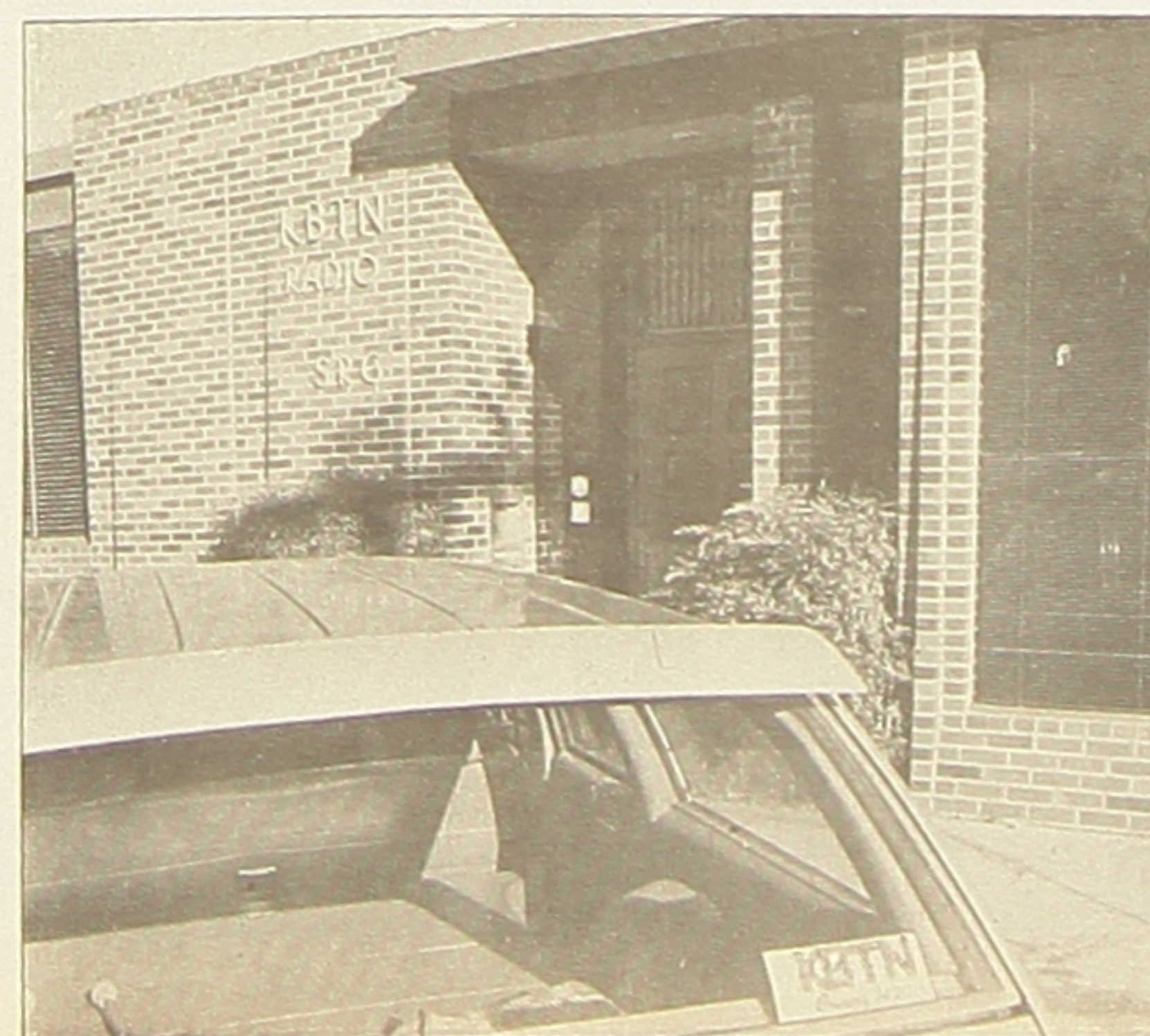
1974. The news director is Cathy Buzan and the sports director is Rick Woelfel. The advertising is handled by Dean Welcher.

KBTN plays country music not to a specific audience, but, said Winegardner, "National figures will tell you that the country audience is 24 to 49. So I suppose that that is the largest block of listeners we have. We program to the largest audience of people that we possibly can."

The station is considered to be a semi-automated radio station. Its music is custom programmed by the Satellite Music Network of Chicago. The automation equipment was installed this year. Live broadcasts are still made by employee programmers.

KBTN operates under 1,000 watts of power during the daytime and under 500 watts at night.

For some of the persons living in the Joplin area, KBTN may not be easily received on their radio. Joplin is located near many lead and zinc mines, which interfere with radio reception. But for those living to the south of the station, reception is better due to the mild terrain.



# BUSINESS

## Storage facility is unique

By Paul O'Dell

Unique is the word that best describes Ozark Terminal Inc. of Neosho. Unique in the fact that the firm's 570,094 square feet of available space is all underground.

Located north of Neosho, Ozark Terminal is a subterranean storage facility that offers space for warehousing, consolidation, and distribution for manufacturing and business firms.

Jim Bowman, president and chief executive officer of Ozark Terminal, said the facility has many advantages to offer to distributors and industry.

The cavern's natural year-round temperature of 65-70 degrees and relative humidity makes it ideal for storage. Since Ozark Terminal is located near the center of the nation, it can offer accessibility by air, rail, and trucking.

But attempts at attracting industries have not been too successful, according to Bowman.

"I think it's a shame that industry, overall, has not taken advantage of what this space can offer them," he said.

The limestone cavern that is now Ozark Terminal is the by-product of the mining operations of the Southwest Lime Company, which began in 1943. After the mining was completed, the empty cavern was converted into a warehouse—one of the first two developed in the country.

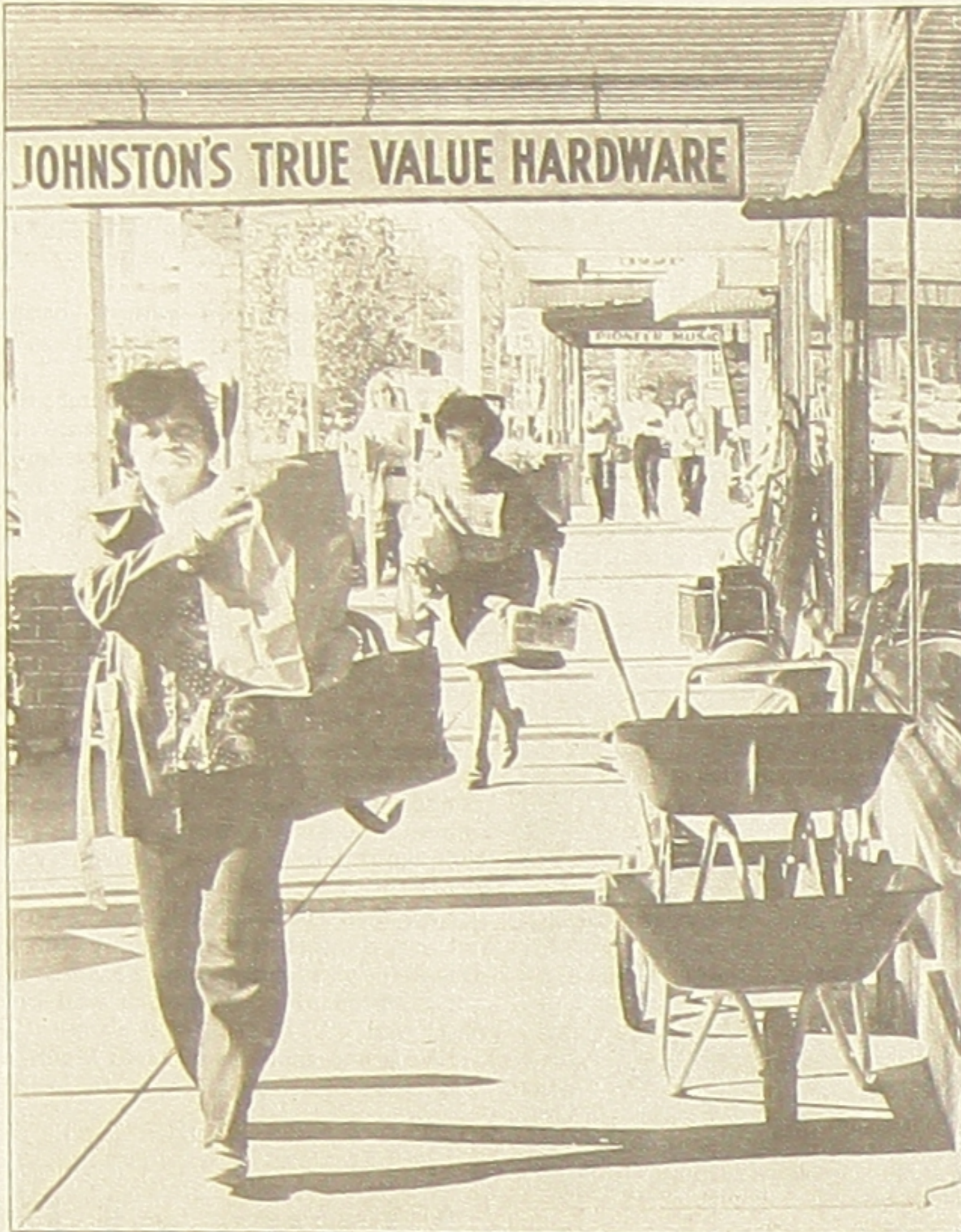
Founded by Russel Hunt and Meryl Bowman in 1956, the facility served as a model for other underground storage facilities in the nation.

The cavern's 570,094 square feet of space is divided into nine rooms by reinforced concrete walls, complete with fire-proof doors. The walls and ceilings are all white-washed to provide a neat appearance and to maximize lighting. Natural pillars of solid limestone support the ceiling.

The terminal's ceilings are crisscrossed by the piping of a sprinkler system, which helps to give Ozark Terminal one of the best fire ratings possible.

Loading and unloading is done at the entrance to the cavern, except for a spur of the Kansas City Railroad, which extends 600 feet inside to facilitate the loading and unloading of as many as 16 freight trains at the same time.

The Federal Civil Defense Administration, which stored medical supplies at Ozark Terminal, was one of the earliest and most frequent users of the facility. Bowman said the government no longer stores supplies there.



Kassab photo

Shoppers visited Neosho stores on a recent Friday morning.

## Shoppers spend more on clothing

By Bob Vice

Neosho area shoppers seem to have more money to spend on clothing this year, but on weekends they are spending it in Joplin, according to some Neosho retail merchants.

"We usually do better business during the week," said JoAnn Osborn, co-owner of Jean Warehouse. "I think a lot of shoppers go to Joplin on Fridays and Saturdays to do their bigger shopping."

Joyce Cosby, sales clerk at J.C. Penney, also believes Neosho area shoppers spend at least part of their weekends in Joplin.

"Sure, I think Joplin attracts a lot of people on the weekends because it's so close," said Cosby. "Saturdays, before 5 p.m., business is pretty good, but then it usually dies off."

Lee Jeffery, a sales clerk at McGinty's, believes area shoppers have more money to spend on clothing this year, and that they are spending it for better quality clothing.

"People aren't really buying more clothes than in the past, but they are buying better quality items," said Jeffery.

Wool and wool blends are characteristic of higher quality items being purchased this year, according to Jeffery.

"Wool blends are particularly popular this year," he said. "We have re-order many wool items because they ran so low in stock."

Popular items at Jean Warehouse include jeans, sweaters, and western shirts, according to Osborn.

"Jeans are selling well," she said. "Everybody buys jeans. In this area because of the large rural community, farmers buy jeans for their durability."

"Western shirts, both flannel and cotton, are our best-selling tops. Sweaters seem to be selling better than other fashion and dress tops."

Layered looks, sweater vests, and jeans are what persons are buying at J.C. Penney, according to Cosby.

"Anything with a layered look is selling very well," Cosby said, "such as coordinating blouses and pullover sweaters, vests, and light jackets."

"In our men's division, sweater vests and jeans are selling well," she added.

J.C. Penney, located at 830 W. Main, has been in operation in Neosho since 1978.

Jean Warehouse is on the northeast corner of the city square. Osborn and her husband, Bob, purchased the business five years ago.

McGinty's is on the southwest corner of the square, and is currently celebrating its 79th year of business.

## Lee believes Neosho has healthy economy

By Bob Vice

Neosho experienced a "decrease in growth" during 1980-82, according to Bill B. Lee, president and chairman of the board at the Centerre Bank of Neosho.

Lee credits the decrease to high interest rates and a lagging U.S. economy.

"I don't feel Neosho was hurt as bad by the recession as other areas, but when interest rates went down and the overall economy did pick up, so did Neosho's," said Lee.

Lower interest rates have sparked real estate sales and construction in the area, according to Lee.

"Since interest rates went down, we have seen more real estate sales," Lee said. "More single-dwelling homes are being built, and a number of apartments are under construction."

"I don't think we'll see any appreciable increases or decreases in the present interest rate for awhile," Lee added. "We have seen increases in the number of smaller loans, such as automobile and home improvement loans."

Since the mid-1950's, when agriculture was still the major part of its economy, Neosho has attracted several major industries. Lee feels that optimum employment opportunities are one reason Neosho enjoys a healthy economic climate.

"When people have jobs, they have more money to spend," he said, "and the industries in the Camp Crowder area alone optimally employ 2,800 people. And there are many employed in the major industries and businesses downtown."

Expansions on Neosho Boulevard have also increased employment opportunities, according to Lee.

He believes another reason for Neosho's strong economic climate is the civic attitude of its citizens.

"We have always welcomed industry, been involved with education, and been active in many other projects to better our community," said Lee.

He pointed out Neosho's privately-owned hospital as one result of the civic attitude.

"For a town of only 10,000 people, I think it is definitely above average to have a privately-owned hospital staffed with 12 M.D.'s," said Lee.

The bank, formerly the First National Bank of Neosho, was purchased by the Centerre Corp. in 1980. The name was changed to Centerre Bank of Neosho last year.

Centerre's main bank is located at 201 E. Main St., on the southeast corner of the square. A full-service drive-in facility at 719 S. Neosho Blvd. was added in 1975.

Lee said the bank has plans for expansion, but he could not be specific at the present time.



Kassab photo

Customers wait in line at the Centerre Bank of Neosho.

## Bank of Neosho owes 100 years of business to community service

By Bob Vice

The oldest bank still in operation in Newton County is the Bank of Neosho, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary next year.

It is a locally-owned bank, with eight to 10 primary stockholders.

Arnold R. "Rudy" Farber, president of the bank, feels the bank owes its longevity to its service to the community.

"Our general philosophy is 'What we do in our community in turn comes back to us,' and that has been our experience," Farber said.

The bank has been involved in numerous community betterment projects, including helping to finance the initial Camp Crowder purchase for use as an industrial tract.

Farber believes the Camp Crowder purchase initiated Neosho's economic growth to its present state.

"We have a superb industrial tract," he said. "It is attractive to industry because of the hardware and facilities already present. You might say we have a built-in advantage."

"When a major industry locates, three or four 'offshoot' businesses arise as a direct result. For instance, we have

four wood-manufacturing businesses involved directly or indirectly with La-Z-Boy. We have a number of machine shops that are offshoots of other Camp Crowder industries such as Rocketdyne and later Teledyne."

Neosho experienced a decrease in economic growth from 1981-82, but since then has approved substantially, according to Farber.

"In 1982, the Federal Reserve System increased the money supply," he said. "This made it not only easier to borrow money, but less expensive to borrow it."

The bank is still located at its original site, 100 S. Wood, on the northeast corner of the square.

Besides the main bank, the bank has four separate facilities—a drive-in on the square, a drive-in at 115 S. Jefferson St., a full service drive-in at 528 Neosho Blvd., and another full-service facility at 53rd and Range Line in Joplin.

Although still in its planning stages, the bank's centennial celebration will include art displays of early Ozark life and early banking equipment used in the area, according to Tom Higdon, assistant vice president.



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Arnold R. "Rudy" Farber

## High rates hurt sales

Though the market is somewhat improved over what it was a few years ago, high interest rates still hamper real estate sales in the Neosho area.

According to Maxine Austin, president of the Newton-McDonald Counties Board of Realtors, the present interest rates have made it "hard to qualify new buyers."

With the leveling off of interest rates and realty prices, a marginal increase in sales of homes has been experienced along with a trend toward new construction.

Austin, also the owner of Austin Real Estate Company of Neosho, said high interest rates had made it restrictive to start building new homes in many years. But now, thanks to the leveling off of interest rates and the introduction of the Farmer's Home Administration, a federally funded program designed to help buyers, Austin said an increase in new construction and sales has been noticed.

Austin and Carol Guest, an agent with Austin Realty, said among the 11 active agencies and the 100-plus agents employed, competition can be tough.

Guest said the average price for homes in the area was between \$35-45,000, and that farmland averaged out to \$500-1,500 per acre, improved or unimproved.

Austin said the Newton-McDonald Counties Board of Realtors joined the National and Missouri Association of Realtors in 1972.



M. Kassab photos

## Fish Hatchery oldest in country

By Marty Kassab

The Neosho National Fish Hatchery is the oldest national fish hatchery in operation today.

Initial action for development came from a U.S. Senate resolution in 1887. The Hatchery was built in Neosho for two reasons. The primary reason was Hearrell Spring, a natural spring that generates 500 gallons of spring water per minute. The second reason was a railroad which ran near Hearrell Spring. At one time fish were loaded up in special railroad cars that had several small compartments for water, 2,000 pounds of ice, and several rainbow trout. The railroad delivered fish to North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Ohio.

Several changes took place in the 1900's. Three other springs—Elm, Bartholic, and McMahan, which generate 1,800 gallons of water per minute—began to supply the Hatchery. In 1926 a combination garage and feed building was constructed. It wasn't until the early 1960's that

major remodeling took place. A new three-stall garage and residence were built. New trout-rearing facilities and water supply lines were also added, which converted the station into a modern, effective fish production facility.

The Hatchery stocks 95 per cent of its fish into Lake Taneycomo per year. In 1980 over 140,000 rainbow trout poured into the lake from Neosho. Fish eggs are shipped to Neosho four times per year. The eggs are treated for bacteria, then put into tanks to hatch.

"I always notify local schools and teachers when the eggs come in," said Norman Hines, manager of the Hatchery. "Grade school classes come and watch the lifecycle of the fish beginning with the eggs hatching."

"I put a fish to sleep and then cut it open for the kids to see just how fish tick," added Hines.

There are several picnic areas in the Hatchery, and ponds, ducks, and trees are present. But, according to Hines, "people in the area are not aware of the

picnic areas and they don't take advantage of the beauty of the land."

The Hatchery receives about 30,000 visitors per year. Most of the guests are children.

Fifteen federal hatcheries were closed this year because of cuts in federal funding.

"Gene Taylor (Congressman from Missouri) saved our necks," said Hines. "The Senate did not pass the funding the first time through, but then a joint committee voted and finally passed the funding."

Hines believes the Hatchery is "taken care of" by Congressman Taylor.

It requested \$140,000 for rehabilitation of two ponds to increase water flow and efficiency. About \$65,000 will go toward construction of a six-foot chain link fence, and \$40,000 will be used for a solar heating system to heat the water. Some \$25,000 will be available to repave roads and parking lots.



## Neosho industries contribute to economy

### Teledyne

Emily Sanders

Teledyne of Neosho employs 270 persons from the area, according to Wayne Orloff, president of the company.

Teledyne overhauls and modifies turbine engines and manufactures precision gearing.

It is one of 130 Teledyne companies nationwide. Teledyne is one of the top 10 corporations in the U.S.

The engines which are modified at Teledyne come from all over the world—from governments, corporations, and individual aircraft owners. The engines are then sent to the Air Force, the Navy, friendly foreign governments, corporations, and individuals. The two largest corporations which take engines overhauled by Teledyne of Neosho are Detroit Diesel Allison, a division of General Motors, and Garrett Turbine Engine Corporation.

Teledyne of Neosho, located on Mathan Drive in the Crowder Industrial Complex, employs persons for a variety of jobs, including various

types of machinists, welding, manual electron beam, metal spray coatings, chemical plating, all types of fluid pressure testing, and engine operation testing.

It had a payroll of \$7 million in 1982. The contribution to the Neosho economy, including payroll, utilities, and medical benefits, totaled \$9 million.

The plant was originally owned by the federal government and first opened in 1956. It produced liquid propellant rockets. In 1968 it was bought by Rockwell International and converted to the turbine engine business. Teledyne purchased the facilities in 1980.

The plant had its highest employment level in the early 1960's when it employed 1,300 persons.

Teledyne had its lowest employment last year, dropping to 230. The reason for the decrease was the loss of a major military contract for engines. This reduced employment by 50 per cent.

A new government contract was awarded to Teledyne this spring, and employment has risen slightly.



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Workers at Talbot Industries.

### Talbot Industries

Talbot Industries was formed in 1962 by brothers Bob and Lloyd Talbot. The company started with only one employee and one welder.

Lloyd Talbot was president of the company until his retirement in 1977. Bob Talbot took over until his death in 1979, and Gene Schwartz has served as president since then.

Talbot specializes in wire products and plating. Its major products this year include wire racks for potato chips; microwave oven racks for Litton, General Electric, and Sanyo; and

barbecue grill grates.

The building covers an area of 250,000-square feet. Some 375 persons are employed. Talbot is different than other wire companies because of its process of buying its metal raw and developing it.

"Sometimes we have to take the plane out to New York," said Bob Rapp, head of personnel, "because the customer doesn't believe that a company in Neosho would have this quality of work. But we surprise them."

### HoneyBear Foods

By Tammy Coleman

The second largest employer in the Neosho area is HoneyBear Foods, which specializes in the processing of poultry products.

The plant is owned by Tyson Foods, and has been in existence since 1972. It was established by John Clement and Jim Lazure.

"We produce fowl, turkey, and fryer meat, and sell to companies such as Gerber Baby Food, Carnation, Underwood, and Hinz Baby Food," said John Ball, general manager of the plant.

The meat is processed in two ways. Knives can be used to raw debone it, or the meat can be cooked and pulled off the bone by hand.

HoneyBear receives its meat from a plant it owns in Berryville, Ark., and from Simmons Industries in Jay, Okla.

With around 600 persons employed by the company, the weekly payroll is better than \$100,000. The day shift is predominantly made up of women, and the part-time night shift primarily consists of college students from Missouri Southern and Crowder College together with high school students from McDonald County, Neosho, and Joplin high schools.

"We're really quite pleased with our evening shift, and we're always looking for people to hire," said Ball. "It's beneficial to both us and the students to be able to provide a part-time shift that they can work."

### La-Z Boy

By Elissa Manning

Despite current economic conditions, La-Z Boy Midwest, located south of Neosho on the Crowder exit, is thriving more than ever, according to Earl Bryan, general manager of the plant.

"Today's shopper is looking for quality, and to me La-Z Boy is synonymous with quality," said Bryan.

La-Z Boy's earliest beginnings were in Monroe, Mich., where two men moonlighted in their garage building and experimenting with furniture. Eight manufacturing factories have been established in the United States since that time.

The La-Z Boy facilities located in Neosho were built in 1970. Their purpose then was to produce and distribute to the midwestern U.S. Bryan estimates that since that time, the plant has doubled in size.

Now 805 persons are employed, and La-Z Boy Midwest is "responsible for manufacturing, distributing, researching, and developing La-Z Boy products," according to Bryan.

"We send our residential equipment, such as recliners and sofas, to Iowa, Oklahoma, Texas, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Arkansas, Michigan, Nebraska, and of course, throughout Missouri," said Bryan. "Our office furniture is distributed nationwide."

New technology has aided in La-Z Boy Midwest's success. According to Bryan, the entire plant's energy is managed by an energy computer which works on a demand control basis. It controls the amount of steam, which is produced by burning wood wastes, to be sent to each section of the facility.

Still, Bryan said, machines cannot take the place of manpower. "A lot of the work requires skills—people skills," he said.

All of La-Z Boy Midwest's employees have been hired through Joplin Job Service.

"The bigger part of our employees are from Newton and McDonald Counties," said Bryan.

He said most of the other La-Z Boy factories were built in cities similar to Neosho.

"We've found that we are generally happier in smaller communities of 10,000 or under," said Bryan. "Employees in these areas seem to stay with us longer. It has worked out well in the past, so why change it?"

La-Z Boy's current prosperity is not only benefiting investors, but the employees are also receiving overtime pay.

### Sunbeam Leisure Company

The Sunbeam Leisure Company is one of the top three manufacturers of barbecue grills and camping equipment in the United States, and is one of Neosho's largest and fastest-growing industries.

In 1974 Sunbeam bought the Neosho branch of Buddy L industries, whose products were small toys and barbecue grills. The plant then became known as Neosho Products, and continued to produce barbecue grills, but dropped the line of toys that Buddy L established.

Last year the Sunbeam corporate office asked Neosho Products to help increase sales by changing its name to

Sunbeam. The reasoning behind the change was that the American buyer would recognize the Sunbeam name instead of the Neosho Products name.

Sunbeam in Neosho is non-union, and employs about 500 persons from the four-state area. About 50 per cent of these persons live in Neosho.

"By keeping our employees involved in the decision-making process, they have a large say in what the company does," said Bill King, executive vice president. "The key to our success is the people from the Neosho and the surrounding areas who work very hard for us."

### Pet Milk Company

Pet Milk Company of Neosho, established in 1927, produces flavored milk for Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, and Texas.

Pet Milk chose Neosho because of dairymaking in southwest Missouri and area," said Bill Harmon, general manager. "Location studies were done prior to the building of the company. Apparently this area lent itself to dairy

production."

Headquarters for the Pet Milk Company are in St. Louis.

"Pet Milk is a fairly diversified company," said Harmon. "We have a number of food products, like Old El Paso and Underwood's canned meats."

The Neosho Pet Milk Company produces a daily average of 7,000 cases of milk. Each case contains 48 cans.



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United Methodist Church



Burke photo

First Presbyterian Church

# Churches play role in city

By Michelle Patrick

Neosho is the home of 23 different denominational churches, which have played a role in the city's history.

Religion had an early beginning in Neosho. The first Methodist minister arrived in 1836.

"When Methodism first reached the Neosho area, it was an area of few homes, plenty of wild game, and many sparkling streams," said Larry James, a member of the United Methodist Church. "The first settler of this area was Col. Lunsford Oliver."

In 1878 Constantine F. Dryden wrote the following words concerning his venture into the area some 40 years earlier: "In February 1836, I left my father's in Daviess County for Seneca Mission, which lay mostly in Barry County. The distance around my mission was 300 miles which I traveled every three weeks. Through divine mercy we reached my field of labor, and at once entered on my work."

"It is needless for me to recount my discouragements. I went with a heavy heart and often wept by the way. But, bless God, I was often victorious and rejoiced."

During the Civil War the Methodist Episcopal Church divided in Missouri. Harris G. Joplin, one of the city of Joplin's early founders, came to Neosho to preach.

"He was not regarded as a first-class preacher, but the best exhorter in the country," said James. "It was the custom in the early days to have one person deliver the sermon and another to be the exhorter."

The name of the Methodist Episcopal Church was later changed to the Central Methodist Church. In 1939 First Methodist Church and Central Methodist consolidated to become the Methodist Church of Neosho.

Methodism in Neosho is entering its 147th year. Unlike many other churches, the Neosho United Methodist Church has remained in its present location at Hickory and Wood for 85 years.

The First Christian Church of Neosho is 105 years old, making it one of the oldest churches in the city.

The organization of the First Christian Church was started at a meeting held in the parlor of the Tremont Hotel on Spring Street in 1878. There were about 20 persons having membership in the original congregation. Meetings were held in the Opera House, the Cumberland Presbyterian, the Baptist Church, and the Methodist Church.

J.M. Lappen was the first resident minister. Lappen began to build the first church building on South Jefferson Street, where the Bank of Neosho now stands.

The church became lawfully incorporated in 1881. In 1906 a lot was purchased on the corner of Hickory and Jefferson Streets. The building was completed and dedicated in 1908.

The First Christian Church is currently located at 1314 S. Oak Ridge Drive. Dale DeLong is the minister and Vaughn Wright is the associate minister.

First United Presbyterian Church was organized in 1867 and purchased in 1871. In 1897 the church burned to the ground. It was rebuilt at its present location on Brook and High Streets. The Christian Education building was completed in 1949, and a chapel was added in 1951.

A. Keith Allison is the current minister. The church now has 245 members.

Shoal Creek Baptist Association is not a church, but consists of 35 churches in McDonald and southern Newton counties. The association was organized in 1871.

"The work of the association is to assist the churches in their work, and help them do together those things that they cannot do alone," said Tom K. Muskrat, director.

St. John's Episcopal Church was founded in 1889. Its buildings are among the oldest in Neosho.

Robert C. Snyder is the current minister of the church, located at 305 W. Spring Street.

Calvary Baptist Church celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. In 1933 the church merged with First Baptist Church. The merger was short-lived, however, and several members turned to worship as Calvary Baptist Church a year later.

In 1961 property was purchased at 903 W. South Street for a new church. Construction was completed in 1962. L.D. Sowder is the current pastor. Sowder has been with Neosho Baptist Church since 1969.

The Church of Christ is another of Neosho's oldest churches. The church was organized in 1904, building at 114 S. Jefferson Street, rented for a place to hold services. In 1913 that building was purchased for the church.

Construction on a new building was completed in 1967. The church's name was changed from Jefferson Street Church of Christ to Hillcrest Church of Christ.

One of the newest churches in Neosho is the Landmark United Pentecostal Church, founded in 1978 by the Rev. Buford Schwarz. A new church building was erected at Cedar Road and Highway 60 in 1971. Ten years ago a Family Life Center Multipurpose building was constructed at the present location.

"The Landmark United Pentecostal Church is a growing, exciting Pentecostal church," said Rex Robinson, minister. "It has increased its attendance from 14 in 1969 to a record-breaking 137 in April, 1983."

Edgar A. Guest of the Neosho United Methodist Church summed up religion in Neosho: "I like to see a downtown church holding its place seems good to me that here and there amidst the rush of traffic, there should remain a building that offers bargains, has no gaudy window garish display."

"It is the hospital for the soul and work-weary. It is making a place not for its own sake, but for the sake of others. Every city is better for its presence."

## It may be haunted:

# Kellys refurbish old Ratliff house

By Paul O'Dell

On the scenic route in the northern edge of Neosho stands the oldest remaining house, the old Job Ratliff home.

Built circa 1855, the two-story brick structure is now the home of George and Joyce Kelly.

The nine-room L-shaped house was built in the old Federalist style by Ratliff, an early settler of the Neosho area who had moved down from the Grand Falls area south of Joplin.

Ratliff, a farmer by trade, built the house using slave labor. The red clay bricks that make up the outside and inside walls were hand-formed on the property. One of the rooms in the house served as house-servants quarters. It had a separate entrance of its own, and access to the upstairs bedrooms.

At the time of the Civil War, the Ratliff property was located two miles outside of the city, and was believed to have been the site of some Union-

Confederate skirmish activity. County records show a few Confederate bushwhackers were killed and buried, with their heads sticking out of the ground, on what was once the property along Shoal Creek.

The Kellys first made attempts to buy the house in 1973, but it was not until 1975 that the property owner agreed to sell. The clincher to the sell was the fact that the Kellys intended to keep the home and restore it. The house had been unoccupied for several years.

"When we first bought the place, the floors in a couple of the rooms were falling in, and the walls and woodwork were covered with several layers of wallpaper and paint," said George Kelly. "It looked like someone had painted the fireplace mantle with a broom."

George, his wife Joyce, and son Tom wasted no time in moving into the house. They lived in an upstairs bedroom of the house and cooked their meals on a portable gas stove.

"We had to place a sheet of plywood

over one hole in the floor to keep from falling in," Kelly said. "Every spare moment at home was spent working on it."

Kelly, while not working on his house, is chief of police for the city of Neosho, and has been with the force since 1961.

"When we first moved into the house, there was no running water and no electricity," Kelly said. The house had never been wired for electricity, and had no indoor plumbing.

Outside of some help on the wiring, Kelly and his family did all of the restoring themselves, even going as far as pulling up the original flooring in one room and after refinishing it, putting each piece back in its original place.

The family ate its first Christmas dinner in the house on a picnic table in what would eventually become the dining room.

"We'd have something of a celebration after completing each room. About one every nine months," Kelly

laughed.

It took Kelly seven years to finish the job of refurbishing the house and restoring much of its original charm.

Behind the house is the foundation of what once was the slave quarters. The University of Missouri—Columbia Schools of Archaeology and History have expressed interest in the site and may do some excavation in the future, according to Kelly.

On top of its historic past, the house is also believed by some to be haunted.

George Kelly said on two separate occasions he has seen a "lady in blue." He added that while he doesn't know for sure who or what he saw, he believes there may be something to it.

When Kelly first saw the figure, it appeared as a woman in a long blue dress and white apron. She was on the back porch watching him clearing brush in the backyard. When Kelly went up to see who it was, she disappeared.

Ghost or no ghost, the Kellys have a home they can be proud of.

## Camp Crowder

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One of the most interesting places at the camp was the Pigeon Training and Breeding Center. The group was formed in August, 1942, when the first flock of birds arrived. Included was the world's most famous carrier pigeon, "Kaiser," a 25-year-old bird that was used by the Germans during World War I, but captured by the Allied forces.

Camp Crowder reached a peak of 46,773 trainees in September, 1942. Its deactivation was announced the following March, and by June, 1946, the camp was empty. Camp Crowder was declared surplus in 1947, and 1,004 buildings were sold at an auction and moved away.

The camp was reactivated in 1953 as a reception and processing center. A disciplinary barracks for 1,500 military prisoners was located there in 1953. The camp was designated a permanent fort a year later.

Fort Crowder was inactivated in 1958, and declared surplus again in 1962. The last buildings were sold in 1964.

Today, foundations and water towers are nearly all that remain of the once-glorious Camp Crowder.

# Neosho was home for 2 famous Americans

## Thomas Hart Benton

By Gary Headley

Thomas Hart Benton, the famous American artist and muralist, was born in Neosho on April 15, 1889.

He displayed an early interest in art as a child, and often sketched trains and Indians. His first mural was of a freight train on the newly papered staircase in the Benton home. His work was later removed from the wall because of a lack of appreciation.

Benton attended grade school in Washington, D.C., while his father, Maecenas Benton, was serving in the House of Representatives. He received formal art instruction at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. Benton obtained additional art training at Western High School in Georgetown.

The Benton family returned to Neosho in 1904, where Thomas attended Neosho High School until 1906. Benton then became restless, and took a job in Joplin earning \$14 per week as a cartoonist for the Joplin American.

He spent a year at the Western Academy in Alton, Ill., before beginning serious study of art at the Chicago Art Institute. Benton went to France in 1908 and enrolled at the

Academie Julien in Paris. There he became acquainted with the art movement, the history, and different art techniques.

Benton returned to Neosho in 1911, but soon moved to New York City. He worked as a commercial artist and as a set designer for a motion picture studio in Fort Lee, N.J.

In 1916, Benton joined the "People's Art Guild" and had his first exhibition with a series of paintings. He was then named gallery director and art instructor at the "Chelsea Neighborhood Association." Benton married Rita Piacenza, one of his students, in 1922.

Benton's paintings began to attract considerable attention and debate in the late 1920's. He began showing a series of paintings on American historical themes at the Architectural League in New York. These were mural-sized work, and were controversial because of their sculptural and three-dimensional characters.

He painted his first large-scale American work, "Modern America," in 1931. He painted murals for the state of Indiana in 1933, and a Niagara mural for the Power Authority.

Benton also wrote two books—*Artist*

*in America* (1937) and *An American in Art: A Professional and Technical Autobiography* (1969). He received many awards and honors for his art work.

He painted many murals for Missouri, including one for the State Capitol in Jefferson City, "Old Kansas City" for the Kansas City River Club, one for the Truman Library, and one for Joplin—"Turn of the Century Joplin." This mural, which is in the Joplin Municipal Building, was unveiled in 1973—two years before Benton's death.

Author Matthew Baigell quotes the artist in a biography of Benton: "I have a sort of inner conviction that for all the possible limitations of my mind and the distorting effects of my process, for all the contradicting struggles and failures I have gone through with, I have come to something that is in the image of America and the American people of my time."

"This conviction is in me pretty deeply... My American image is made up of what I have come across, of what was 'there' in the time of my experience—no more, no less."

## George Washington Carver

George Washington Carver, a member of the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, was born and spent his early life in Diamond Grove, a small town outside of Neosho.

Carver was born in the early 1860's in the midst of a bloody guerilla warfare in southwest Missouri. He was soon orphaned, and was never expected to live beyond infancy.

In his autobiography, Carver wrote: "Day after day, I spent in the woods alone in order to collect my floral beauties, and put them in my little garden I had hidden in brush not far from the house, as it was considered foolishness in the neighborhood to waste time on flowers."

Carver was occasionally allowed to go with Moses Carver to Neosho, the county seat, which was about eight miles from Diamond Grove. One day, while in Neosho, he noticed a line of black children entering a schoolhouse. Carver went to the side of the building to listen, and found, much to his surprise, that they were reciting lessons.

He then decided to leave home and attend the school in Neosho. Andrew and Mariah Watkins gave him room and board there in exchange for work.

Carver left Neosho at the age of 11 to continue his education. He became interested in a career that would benefit others, and decided to enter the field of experimental agriculture.

In 1896, he was approached by the Board of Trustees of the Tuskegee Institute of Alabama. They offered him the position to head the department of agriculture which they were presently forming.

Carver taught soil conservation through diversification of crops. He didn't confine his teaching to the classroom. He taught farmers to rotate their crops to replenish the soil. Many farmers began to produce peanuts in great abundance as a result.

He began to experiment with peanuts, and discovered nearly 30 valuable uses for the crop. Carver made such things as caramel, catsup, sauce, vinegar, shampoo, and shaving cream from peanuts.

Carver died on Jan. 5, 1943. After his death, a bill sponsored by Rep. William Short and Sen. Harry S. Truman was passed by an act of Congress, creating the George Washington Carver National Monument in Diamond, Mo.